THE

KINGDOM

OF

JESUS CHRIST

Entering its Succeſſion at 1697.

According to a

Calendar of Time,

Drawn by the Four Monarchies, and by the Time, Times, Half Time allowed to the Papacy, and the Ten Kingdoms; as the laſt ſtate of the Roman, or Fourth Monarchy then Ending;

Given in *Daniel*, and Expounded by the *Revelation* in Conſent with All Hiſtory; and carrying on the Scripture Line of Time.

By *T. Beverley*, a moſt Humble Miniſter in the Word of God and the Teſtimony of Jeſus Chriſt.

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TO THE

Moſt Excellent MAJESTY

OF

WILLIAM and MARY:

By Eſpecial Grace of God According to Propheſie,

KING and QUEEN of *England*, *Scotland*, *France* and *Ireland*, Truly Defenders of the Faith.

AND

To the *High Court* of *Parliament*

At this Time Aſſembled.

Grace and Peace from Him, which is, which was, and which is to Come: Revel. 1. 4, 5.

And from the ſeven Spirits, which are before his Throne; and from Jeſus Chriſt the Faithful Witneſs, the firſt Begotten of the Dead; and the Prince of the Kings of the Earth.

Moſt Dread Soveraigns.

Moſt Reverend and Noble Lords.

Moſt Worthy Senators and Patriots.

THE Great God of Heaven *having made known of old, even to* Pagan Princes, *by his* Servants *the* Prophets, *what ſhould* come to paſs hereafter, *concerning the* Kingdom of

his Son, *and the* cleanſing of his Sanctu-
Dan. 8. 14. ary, *his truly* Catholic Church; *He hath enabled me, the moſt unworthy of all his Servants, the* leaſt of Saints, *and the* chiefeſt of Sinners, *for the laſt five years to* ſearch, *and to*
Dan. 9. 2. underſtand *by* Books *the* number of years, *He would accompliſh in the* Patience *or* Delay of the Kingdom of Chriſt, *and in the* Deſolations of his Sanctuary; *I having then* certain knowledge, *that the* Accompliſhment *of thoſe* years *is, as near, as* 1697, *Have believ'd it my Duty, in Fear of God, who hath* committed the Diſpenſation to me; *as alſo in* Allegiance, *and* Fidelity *to the* Supreme Government *of theſe* Nations, *to make publication of the Time; and alſo to explain All thoſe Symbols, wherein the* Divine Propheſie *hath been, though more hiddenly, yet as certainly, when juſtly concerted, conveyed, as by plaineſt words; and to make* Dedication *of it to the Soveraign Government of this Nation, with a loweſt Obeiſance, as the meaneſt of Subjects; and yet with the Aſſurance, ariſing from the Evidence of Sacred Truth; that ſo the* Prophe-

ſie *might be known in the Grand* Pretorium, *or* Pallace *of the Nation, and thereby in* all other Places.

The View preſented is worthy the profoundeſt Conſideration of the Greateſt Princes, Statiſts, and Divines; Four Univerſal Monarchies, *which have one after another, borne ſuch ſway in the World; and whoſe* Monarchs caus'd their Terror in the Land of the Living, *for near* Daniels Twenty Three Hundred Evenings, and Mornings, prophetically *multiplyed into* years; *but moſt of Them being* gone down into the Pit, *have* laid their Swords under their Heads, *with their* Iniquities on their Bones; *and to Riſe with them, if Enemies to the* Kingdom of God; *and herewith, the* Antichriſtian State *for above theſe laſt* twelve hundred years, *with the* Monarchs *of the* Ancient Imperial Roman Territories, *who have for moſt of the ſpace given their* Power to the Beaſt; *But ſome have already, The Reſt ſhall Renunciate to that* Adulterous Church; *and though ſome of them now with a High*

Ezek. 32. 17. &c. Dan. 8. 14.

Revel. 17. 17.

Hand cauſe their Terror in the Land of the Living, *yet They ſhall without Repentance* beare their Shame alſo in going down to the ſides of the Pit; *But how much more does that indeed Univerſal Kingdom of Chriſt at the end of theſe* Four *deſerve Thought, that ſhall receive Theſe, and many more Kingdoms into its Boſom, and it ſelf* never End, *and that within ſo few years.*

Acts 17. 11. *It is therefore Princely Wiſdom, and Nobleneſs to* ſearch, *and to command, that* ſearch *be made into the* Scriptures of the New and Old Teſtament, *whether* Theſe Things be ſo or no; *Not that* Divine Oracles *can be over-rul'd by a* Counſel of Angels, or Men; *but that by the* Divinity *of* Holy Records *the* certainty of the Words of Truth *may be* Receiv'd; *For the more They are examin'd, the more evident their Truth will be; And leaſt, (the Things being indeed ſo) ſo* Grand a Proteſtant Aſſembly *ſhould under-value Them, and Know with Diſadvantage hereafter; ſo* Great a Propheſie *hath been among Them, and They Rejected it.*

Prov. 22. 21.

Ezek. 2. 5.

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And why ſhould it be thought incredible, *that the* God of Heaven, *the* Reveal-er of Secrets *ſhould ſo near the Time make Known, as He hath always done, by whom He pleaſes, the* Great Things, that are to come to paſs *ſo ſhortly.*

God hath honour'd this Nation, *with a moſt ſtupendious mirror of Providence, concerning the* Expiration of the Papacy *ſo nigh at Hand; why may He not be pleas'd to Honour it alſo with ſuch* a Glaſs of Propheſie, *that by the* Underſtanding *of the* Times, our Iſrael may know what it ought to do, *and* All *the* People *be moſt devotely* at their Command, *both as to* Affairs Eccleſiaſtical, Civil, Military! *for the ſteerage of All which the Conſideration of the* Kingdom of Chriſt *ſo near would be as the* Pole-ſtar. 1. Chron. 12. 32.

For that an Account *of All may be* Render'd *with* Comfort to that Univerſal Kingdom *ſo nigh Approaching, what* Purity in our Religion, Holineſs, Juſtice, Mercy, Amendment of Life, Reformation

of

of Manners, Contempt of the World, Magnanimity, Moderation of Church-Power, Brotherly Love *is neceſſary*; *even in preparation to ſo Glorious a* Revolution?

Now the Eternal Wiſdom *and* Counſellor *give his* Urim, *and* Thummim *to the* Evangelical Miniſtry *of the* Nation; a Divine Sentence into the Kings Lips *that* His Mouth *in this* Matter *may not* Tranſgreſs in Judgment; a Spirit of Judgment, *to them who* ſit in Counſel; *and an* Ear to his Churches, *to Hear, what the* Spirit ſayeth to them; *that ſo a People in theſe* Nations may be made ready, prepared for the Lord, *and a* High way *for* our God; *So prayeth*

GREAT SOVERAIGNS,

And Supreme Councel,

Your Moſt proſtrately Devoted
in the Records of Jeſus Chriſt,

T. Beverley.

TO THE

King and Queens

Most Excellent Majesty,

And to the High Court of Parliament,

And to All who Love, and wait for the Appearance of Jesus Christ.

The most Humble Petition of your Faithful Minister in the Prophesies of Scripture.

THAT seeing, the *Apostle* hath promulg'd that *Divine Canon*; That they who *Preach the Evangile* or *good Tydings*, should live of the Evangelick reward that is given to Him, that is the Messenger of it; And seeing most particularly the declaring the *Finishing of the Mystery of God* in *the Kingdom of Jesus Christ*, is styl'd God's *Evangelizing by the Prophets*. And Lastly, seeing it hath pleas'd the Infinite Grace of God, to constitute me his most unworthy Servant such an *Eu-Angelist* to this Nation, as to declare the most precise Time of that *Happy Revolution*; *The KINGDOM of CHRIST in its Succession*, upon such undeniable *Prophetic* Evidence; I most Humbly pray that for an *Evangelion*, or reward of so *good Tydings* I may be Enabled by the Assistances of so Great *Protestant Princes*, *Assembly*, and *Nation* to perfect the whole *Prophetical Ministration committed to me*; And

1 Chron. 9. 14.

ἐκ τοῦ εὐαγγελίου

Rev. 10. 7.

that it may be laid up for ſo near a Time to Come, as 1697. and the Truth may be Juſtified by the Event.

In the mean Time, I moſt Humbly Appeal to the moſt *Reverend Epiſcopal Robe*, who are ſo able, and whoſe proper Function it is to Judge, whether any Line of the Chain of the *Scripture Argument* I have us'd, be looſe, or weak.

Now that the Contempt of ſo great a Meſſage, and neglect of the Meſſenger may not reſt, as a Reproach of the *Goodly price, Jeſus Chriſt is prized at*; but that your Bounty may be accepted, as a *Sacrifice of ſweet ſmelling Savor* to God, and *Abound to the Account* of the *Nation*, valueing the *Kingdom of Chriſt*; ſhall be the prayer of

Soveraign Princes,

Moſt Noble Lords,

Moſt Honourable Repreſentatives of this Proteſtant Nation.

Your moſt Humble Petitioner and Servant in this Evangile.

T. Beverley.

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The *Scripture Line of Time* from the firſt Sabbath to *Abraham*. From *Cyrus* to the Millennial Sabbatiſm. The Prophetick Song of *Solomon* from *Davids Kingdom* to the *Kingdom* of *Chriſt*. The Command to come out of *Babylon*. The late Revolution. *Daniel*'s two Viſions Expounded.

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To the *Angels of the Churches* of *Christ*, the *Evangelical Ministery*, most particularly in *England*.

Grace and Peace from Him, that *Holdeth* the *Seven Stars* in his *Right Hand*, and *walks in the midst of the Seven Golden Candlesticks*, and hath the *Seven Spirits* of *God*.

IT *is to you, My most* Reverend, *and* Dearly Honoured Fathers, *and* Brethren *in* Christ, *that in the Second place, as in due order, I Present the following Discourse; Not because you* know not the Truth, *but because you* know it, *and that* no Lye is of the Truth, *and so according to the* Apostles *prescription concerning* Prophesying, *are able to* Judge, *when a divine Revelation by way of Exposition, as well, as of Immediate Inspiration is given to* Any One. *Not, as you well know, that you can add, or take away from what hath the Evidence of* Divine; *when you find that, Suffrage, and Joynt Publication,* Blowing the Trumpet *and* Giving warning *is Your All.* 1 Cor. 14. 29.

I therefore Communicate *to you* Apart, *the* Ἐυανγγέλιον, *the particular* Good Tydings, *I declare, least if I am not able to undergo your Test, I* had, *or should* Run in vain, *But I am able, if I may so allude, to be* Baptiz'd *with that* Baptism, *and to* Render an Apology *with* Meekness, *and* Fear *to any, that shall most severely Examine me of* the Hope, *I Promulge, through* his Grace, *that I Trust in, to* work in me Mightily *to that purpose. I onely Fear Prejudging without Hearing; I know I have not onely* Believ'd, *and* therefore Spoken, *but that I have* Prophesied *according to the* Analogy of the Faith *at once* given to the Saints; *according to the* Doctrine of Godliness, *and the* Symmetry *of All* Scripture Prophecy, *the Light of which hath from God shone into me, above what I can express; As the* Prophets *of Old,* Divinely mov'd, *were more Inwardly assur'd of being* Sent, *then They could expose to Others.* Gal. 2. 2. Rom. 12. 6

I would Humbly offer that one Credential, concerning the Time, Times, Half Time *to strict Judgment; What greater Argument, the* Spirit of God *design'd, That Time should be search'd, then giving it so peculiarly to the* little Horn, *call'd so disertly by Him;* The Beast, *and to the* Beastian Times *in the* Revelation, *and to no other; And why search'd, if not to be found? And is not the* Dividing and Multiplying *among Themselves those* Characters, *according to precise certain* Epochs *of the* First Time *and of the* Half Time, *even* Mathematical? Dan. 7. 1

Let none therefore say the Book is Seal'd, *or I am not* Learn'd; Isai. 29.
Inter Evangs of Acceptance with God, tho' the Things being of diffi-

cult Interpretation, require greater Attention. Especially, You will not say so, Most Reverend, *and* Learned, *whose peculiar office It is to* Search the Scriptures; *And you know,* Daniel, *and the* Revelation *are* Scripture; *And Loe I present you the* Book unseal'd, *by the Assistance of Him, who prevail'd to* Open the Book *of* Seven Seals.

And now, How would this so near Appearance *of the* Chief Shepherd, *oblige us to* Feed the flock of Christ, *not as* Lords, *nor for* Filthy lucre, *but as* Ensamples *of the* Flock!

Pet. 5. 2.

How would this Doctrine of the Kingdom, Open a door wide and Effectual *to all manner of Re-Reformation, and to a new and* Apostolick mission *for the preaching the* Everlasting Gospel, *as by the speed of an* Angel flying through the midst of Heaven? *It will be so anon within a* Prophetical last Half Hour *of the* Three Days and a Half, *if not just now.*

Rev. 14. 6.

How would this preserve us from Grudging one against another, *and cause our* Moderation *one towards another to be* known to All, *Because the* Judge is before the doors, *and the* Lord at Hand; *How would it cause us to cease to* De-Synagogue one another *so proper to the* Synagogue of Sathan, *especially when for* Indifferents, *least we* come to worship at the Feet of Them, *we have endeavour'd to* shut the Door *upon, and to acknowledge* Christ lov'd them! *Let us then Hasten to the* Philadelphian State *of Purity, Love, and Peace; And so the* God of Love *and of* Peace, shall be with us. *For* this cause I bow my Knees *to the* God and Father of *our* Lord Jesus Christ, *of whom the whole* Family of Heaven and Earth is call'd.

James 5. 9.
Phil. 4. 5.
Rev. 3. 8.

I most Humbly and Earnestly Recommend to you also the assisting and Furthering *of me in this work of the* Gospel, *according to my Humble Petition Prefix'd who am (however otherwise most justly) through the* Riches of his Grace *as in an* Isle of Patmos, *for the* word of God *and for the* Testimony of Jesus Christ.

And as Prostrate upon the ground, I most earnestly beg pardon of Heaven *and* Earth, *Acknowledging my self* Less then the least *of All* the Ministers of the Gospel, *and not worthy to be call'd a* Minister of Christ, *but* by the Grace of God I am what I am; *and I have* Labour'd *more* Abundantly *in this great point, thro' the assistance of that* Spirit, *who* Divides *to all as* He will, *and because* He will.

Most Reverend, and Dearly Loved, and
Honoured Fathers and Brethren.

Your most unworthy Fellow Servant in
the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

T. P.

THE

General Preface,

With a Table of Contents.

THE Preface *I intend, ſhall be to preſent a* Key *of the following Diſcourſe, in the plaineſt manner I can.*

The great Intencion of it is, to Aſſert ſo Happy a Revolution *of the World, as the* Kingdom of Chriſt *in its Succeſſion, within ſo few Years, as lye betwixt the preſent* 1689, *and the next enſuing* 1697.

This Kingdom, *however the Prophane, and wicked World may take it, and be* Angry *at it, muſt needs be the Joy and deſire of all good Men, and Women. The change will be ſo Great, and Happy, that the* Heathen Empire *becoming* Chriſtian *under* Coſtantine, *was ſo dark a ſhade of it, that notwithſtanding it, the* Churches flight into the Wilderneſs *for* 1260 *days Is immediately upon it given out. At this* 97. *It ſhall return from the* Wilderneſs, *and not before, How much more Glorious ſhall that Time then be? The* Pope *and* Turk *ſhall go off the Stage of Power, and which is much greater to us; The* Reformation, *or* Proteſtant State, *ſhall be purg'd from all the Remains of* Antichriſtianiſm *in* Doctrine, Worſhip, Juriſdiction, *and* Manners, *which, God knows, are very great; For* Chriſt *hath not* Found our works perfect *or* Fill'd up before God. Rev. 12. 6. Rev. 3. 2.

It is a dangerous thing to ſay, if God hath ſaid it; How ſhall this thing be? How did he raiſe the World in Six days, *when as yet there was none of it? How did he bring in a* Chriſtian Empire *after the Cruelties of thoſe* Salvage Emperors, Diocleſian *and the other Tyrants of that Time, juſt before Raging in the Laſt, and greateſt* Chriſtian Perſecution *by the* Pagan Empire!

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The great Queſtion is then, whether he hath ſaid it or not! To ſhew he hath ſaid it, Theſe Two Viſions *of* Daniel *are expounded by themſelves, together with the Light of the* New Teſtament, *as a* Calendar, *and here offer'd.*

pag. 1. *To make out this, It is firſt Intimated, which in its proper place is more fully prov'd, that* Daniel's *great* Viſions *throughout his* Prophecy, *and ſo theſe two are on purpoſe to ſhew, how long it would be, e're* Ezekiels viſion *of the* Glorious City, *and* Temple *would come out of* Viſion *into the* Everlaſting Throne, *and the* Sanctuary cleans'd, *as Real Event.*

To ſhew it would be a long Time, God gives in theſe two Viſions *a Subſtantial* Calendar *of* Four great Monarchies, *running out themſelves, e're the Everlaſting* Throne *would be Erected; At the end of them, It would; As in another* Viſion, *He gives* 2300 Evenings *and* Mornings, *till the* Sanctuary cleans'd, *as a numeral* Calendar *of the whole Time.*

The beſt Key, that can be given to this, is, to give the Contents of the Diſcourſe, Referring to the pages, wherein each part is diſcours'd, in the way of Argument, That theſe two Viſions *give ſo Subſtantial a* Calendar *of more value, then* Seth's pillars, *if Extant; and then a* Numeral Calendar *ending* 1697.

The firſt Viſion *is, in the Exquiſite frame, and admirable contrivance of it, and the moſt Illuſtrious* Remarks, *Providence ſo deſignedly*
pag. 2. *gave it in* Daniel's *Expoſition of it, made out to be ſuch a* Calendar, *and to end in a* Kingdom of Chriſt; *neither the* Heavenly, *nor the*
to pag. 13. Spiritual Evangelical Kingdom *onely; nor that of the* Chriſtian Empire, *or* Chriſtian Princes *and* States *ſince* Conſtantine; *But One to Come.*

p. 14. 15. 16 *The ſecond* Viſion *is then ſhown to be doubled, to Fix the Certainty, as alſo, that It is more particular, as given to* Daniel, *a Domeſtick of the* Divine Kingdom, *above what, was allowed to* Nebuchadnezzar *an* Alieu.

The Grand Argument of ſuch a Calendar *propos'd, and all along purſued is; That Things have been ſucceſſively, and are to this day in*
pag. 16. 17. *Motion according to this* Calendar; *And by expreſs* Scripture, *as to the* Babylonian, *the* Perſian, *the* Græcian Monarchies, *All acknowledg'dly paſs'd, and gone off.*

It is therefore in the next place ſhown, the Calendar *could not expire in the* Græcian Monarchy, *as it ſtood divided after* Alexander the Great; *And that therefore it muſt ſubſiſt in the* Roman Monarchy *and how Agreeably with* Prophecy, *and* Hiſtory *of the*

New

New Teſtament, *even to the Evidence of an* Article of Faith, *It doth there ſubſiſt, is argued*; *And that this* Monarchies *having no Name in the* Old *or* New Teſtament, *as the other* Monarchies *have, nor any particular ſhape in* Daniel, *as the other* Kingdoms *have in the three* Beaſts, *does not weaken, but ſtrengthen the* Calendar, *is alſo Argued.* p. 18. to p. 25.

That the Calendar *therefore might continue in the* Roman Monarchy, *That* Monarchy *remain'd unbroken at the Reſurrection, and Aſcenſion of Chriſt*; *and from thence, it is to be divided into three* Periods. p. 26.

1. *The* Period *of the* Pagan Empire *before* Conſtantine's *moſt Livelily* Symbold *in the* Revel. *c.* 12. 1. &c. p. 26. 27.

2. *The* Period of the Chriſtian Empire *from* Conſtantine *till the* Abdication *of* Auguſtulus; *The Symbol of it in the* Revelation *and the wonderful care,* Prophecy *takes about it, Shown at large*; *Becauſe it was not* Beſtian, *but a ſhade of the* Kidgdom of Chriſt; *That yet the* Calendar *ſhould not be thought deſtroyed, is diſplayed from the* Apoſtle Paul. 2. Theſſ. 2. *and from ſeveral* Apocalyptical *Concerts concerning it.* p. 28. to p. 38.

The Calendar, *as brought down to the* Chriſtian Empire, *and plac'd there, as on a Grand pillar of Time, is Reviewed, as in that* Chriſtian Empire *Beginning, and Ceaſing.* p. 39.

3. *The third* Period *is, of the* Roman Papacy, *wherein is prov'd, that whatever ſucceeded the* Chriſtian Roman Empire, *and hath continued all along to this day, muſt be the* Beſtian *State of the* Roman Empire; *and it could be no other but the* Papacy, *with the* Ten Kings *and* Kingdoms, *into which that* Empire *was after the* Chriſtian Empire, *Divided.* p. 40.

Becauſe the State of the Roman Empire *under the* Papacy, *and the* Ten Kings *would be ſo long, that the* Calendar *could not be enough ſupported by the Real ſubſtantial Notes of diſtinction, nor known,* how long! *Here therefore the* Numeral Calendar *of* Time, Times, *and* Half a Time *is given*; *which had been in vain given, if not to be underſtood*; *The explication is therefore undertaken in that Aſſurance, and Ballanced, with* Forty Two Months, Prophetically divided *and* multiplyed. p. 41. 42.

The Epoch, *or Beginning of theſe* Times *and* Half Time, *is argued to be at the* Abdication *of* Auguſtulus (*where, by the way the true Notion of* Abdication *is Clear'd, and urg'd*) *and the* Ten Kings *thereupon* Receiving Power with the Beaſt *at* one Hour; *which* Receiving *at* One Hour *is explain'd, and argued.* p. 43. to 45.

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The real Calendar *in the* Times, *and* Half Time *is argued by such undeniable, and unparalellable Agreements betwixt the* Prophecy of Daniel, *and the* Revelation, *and the State of the* Roman Empire *under the* Papacy, *and the* Ten Kings, *as can be no way overcome, by so much, as an* Atheist, *or* Papist, *that will consider.*

p. 45. to 53.

The Numeral Calendar *of* Times, *and* Half a Time, *is made out by Ballance with the* 1260. days *and* Forty two Months, *as the Time of the* Eclipse *of the* Church of Christ *by the* Bestian Moon *under its* Feet; *Giving Great understanding of the* Calendar, *both in Allusion to an* Eclipse, *one of the surest Characters of Time in* Chronology, *and also most exactly Calculated in its Time of Duration, and various degrees of Beginning, Middle, and Going of; And the Application of a* Calendar *onely to the* Little Horn *in* Daniel, *and to the Time of the* Bestian Tyranny *in the* Revelation, *shews us, They must be both the same; and that therefore we must be Right in the duration, knowing the* Epoch *of the* Times *and of the* Half Time; *This is discours'd at large, and then by way of Breif Recollection; That if the* Beasts Times *and* Half Time *are taken alone, and* Divided, *and* Multiplyed *by themselves, according to that fix'd* Epoch *of the* Times, *and of the* Half Time; *They must needs end at* 1697.

p. 54. to 64.

The succession of the Kingdom of Christ, *is demonstrated necessarily to follow at the end of the* half Time: *together with some Practical Intimations.*

p. 64. to the End.

If then to the succession of the Græcian Monarchy *in its* Divided state, *we have expres* Scripture *for the* Calendar; *if all* History *assures us, the* Roman Empire *swallowed that; and* Scripture *present it then in its Greatness, even to an* Article of Faith, *and hath both by a real Conspicuous Agreement betwixt it, and* Prophecy *all along presented it to us in its State* to this day, *and given us a* Numeral Calendar, *that, tho'* Mystick, *is to be, and is (I solemnly Assert) with undoubted Certainty unlock'd to us; as ending at* 97. *And that nothing can Follow, but the* Kingdom of Christ; *Let us, being so near a* Kingdom, *that* cannot be shaken, have Grace, *wherewith to* serve God *with* Reverence *and* Godly fear, *For* Our God *is a* Consuming Fire.

Heb. 12. 28.

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Besides some small Mistakes in Pointing, these few Faults have escap'd, which the Courteous Reader is desired to mend thus;

Page 41. *line* 6. for were *read* we. *p.* 46. *l.* 28. point thus, Compos'd, are; The. *p.* 50. *l.* 40. *r.* Bestianism. *p.* 64. *l.* 30. *r.* slay. *p.* 66. *l.* 26. *r.* φιλοπρωτευων.

A DISCOURSE UPON

Thoſe two Grand *Viſional Dreams* of *Daniels Prophecy*;

The *Dream* of the *Image*, given to *Nebuchadnezzar*, and Interpreted by *Daniel*, Chap. 2. And the *Dream* of the *Four Beaſts* given to *Daniel*, Ch. 7.

Wherein it is endeavoured to be proved, That Theſe *Two Viſions* are a *Calendar* of *Time*; comprehending the whole Space from the Time of *Nebuchadnezzar's Univerſal Monarchy*, to the *Kingdom* and *Dominion* of Chriſt under the *whole Heaven*. The *Proclaimings* whereof ſhall be heard as from *Heaven* 1697.

I Have in the Foregoing Diſcourſes Adjuſted theſe *Viſions* of *Daniel*, and his whole *Prophecy* to the Time of *Ezekiels Prophecy*, and particularly to that *Cardinal Viſion* * of the *Glorious Temple* and *City*, and therein to the laſt *Joynt* of the *Line of Time* before it, *viz.* the 390 *days*, at the end of which, as I have ſhewn; *Ezekiel* had that ſo great *Viſion*, giving a *viſional Ceſſation* to his *Bearing* the *Iniquity* of the *Houſe of Iſrael*. * c. 40. &c.

I have adjuſted alſo the firſt of theſe *viſions* to *Nebuchadnezzar's Supreme Monarchy* by his Conqueſt of *Egypt*, *viz.* to the *Second year* of it, and the twenty ſeventh of *Jehoiachins Captivity*, and the Thirty fifth of *Nebuchadnezzers* general Reign.

Now in all theſe particulars, theſe Two *viſions* have deep Intereſt, as I have ſhown; I now addreſs my ſelf onely to this point, to prove that theſe Two *viſions* are a Real, and Subſtantial *Calendar* of *Time* to the *Kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt*, when the *Sanctuary ſhall be Cleans'd*; according to that Great Note of *Daniel*'s Third *viſion*, at the End of the 2300 *Evenings* and *Mornings*, and moſt Agreeing with *Ezekiels Prophacy*, when
Ezek. 47. 7, &c. alſo according to that *Prophecy*, the *Everlaſting Throne* ſhall be ſet up.

Theſe Two, then and indeed the Third *viſion* of *Daniel* give the Time, *how Long*; That great *viſion* of *Ezekiel* ſhall be *viſion* onely, and put nothing into Act, and Effect: The Third *viſion* which is Exactly numeral, I have already publiſh'd the probation of, as Reaching that *End*.

Without any further preface therfore, I lay down theſe following Arguments to prove, that theſe Two *viſions* are ſuch a Subſtantial real *Calendar*, and contain alſo a ſhort *Hieroglyphical* numeral *Calendar*; of *Time*, *Times*, and *Half a Time*, that Falls into all the Variety and yet Complication of the Characters of Time, in the great *Prophecy* of the *New-Teſtament*, the *Revelation*, which together with the real Subſtantial Characters of theſe *viſions*, make the Time demonſtratively certain, that the ſucceſſion of *Chriſts Kingdom* ſhall be 1697.

Argu. 1. The firſt Argument I ſhall Level to this point, ſhall be; That Theſe Two *Dreams*, or *viſions* are made ſo Remarkable by God, that They are worthy to be ſuch a *Calendar* of Time, as I affirm of Them; Now the firſt *viſion* as laying the Foundation, is fuller of outward pomp, and more prepar'd for publick, and univerſal notice; But the ſecond is more Inward to the Glory, and *Kingdom of Chriſt*, as a ſecond, and more perfecting Hand drawn upon the Firſt.

The Firſt *viſionary Dream* was granted to *Nebuchadnezzar*, in whom an *Univerſal Monarchy* then Reſided; which made him a fit *Head* of that *Image*, and of that Time alſo to be continued all along in a Courſe, deſcending from the *Head* to the ſeveral parts, even to the *Feet* and *Toes*, and then and there to be *Broken* in pieces, and to be ſucceeded by the *Kingdom of Chriſt*.

And as in preparation to this very purpoſe, the Greatneſs of this *Monarch* is ſo often Amplyfied in the *Prophets*; He is ſeveral Times Call'd by God, *Nebuchadnezzar*, *My Servant*; as the Great, not onely Subſtitute of Divine power, but as the

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proto Type of it, as it ſhall appear in *Chriſt.* God gave Him *All* Nations *to ſerve Him*, even the *Beaſts of the Field* and the *Fowls of the Heaven*; *Jeremiah* was Commanded to *ſend Yokes to all Nations*, as a Symbol of *ſerving Him*, and ſubmitting *to his Yoke*; *Ezekiel* calls Him *King of Kings*, a ſtyle *Prophetick* of *Chriſts* ſupreme *Title*; and the *Mighty one of the Heathen*; *Daniel* repreſents him by the great *Tree*, whoſe *ſhaddow cover'd* and *protected* the very *Fowls* of *Heaven* and *Beaſts of the Earth*; and All *Fleſh* was Repleniſh'd with its *Fruit.* His *Greatneſs* reach'd to *Heaven*, and his *Dominion* to the *End of the World.*

This made Him the *Head of Gold*, the Beginning of the *Univerſal Monarchy*, that was to ſucceed in the *Perſian*, *Grecian*, and *Roman States*; and to Foreſhow, what a *Kingdom* the *Kingdom of Chriſt* was to be in its Univerſal Extent; For whoſe ſake ſuch a *Calendar* of *Monarchies* was given; To fore-tell which the *Jews* and *Gentiles* ſtood, as one Body under the *Shade* of the great *Tree*, *Nebuchadnezzar.*

And that this *Dream* of the *Image* might be the more Notable, and Remarkable; There was a Concurrence of all things, that might make it ſo: Firſt, in regard of the *Univerſal Monarchy* of the Prince, that had the *Dream*, whereby every Circumſtance of the whole matter had an eaſie and almoſt a neceſſary paſſage through the moſt known parts of the World.

It being given to the Prince himſelf, it muſt needs be the more Notorious, and the more Certain; and to a prince not worſhipping the *True God*; It muſt be the more undeniable, and free from the Suſpition of a *pious Fraud*; The manner of giving the *Dream* was by the ordination of *Providence* ſuch, as to cauſe the greateſt Agony, and Perplexity to his Thoughts; For his Imagination was deeply Imprinted, that a very Stupendious *Dream* had found a place in it; And what yet it was, was gone from Him, which contributed exceedingly to the Notoriety of the Thing. For firſt all the *Magicians*, *Aſtrologers*, and *Wiſe men* of *Babylon* were ſummon'd upon the Occaſion.

When they came, there was nothing offer'd them, but a rude Apprehenſion of ſuch a *Dream*; whereas if the *Dream* it ſelf had been told them; They might have faſtend ſome ſatisfactory, however falſe Interpretation to it, and ſo the thing have dyed? When they could offer no Reſolution in ſo difficult a Caſe, there was to make the matter more Notable, a

decree to *put them to death*; After all the King's perplexity, and even Fury, God gave him ſuch a Reſolution by *Daniel*, as ſav'd ſo many Lives, which fix'd the thing yet deeper in all Mens Thoughts, and gave Aſſurance, that the King was fully ſatisfi'd within Himſelf; That the *Dream* reveal'd to him by *Daniel* was the ſame, that had Graven it ſelf ſo deeply on his mind in his ſleep.

And it was therefore ordered to be a *Dream*, becauſe according to the opinion of thoſe Nations, and alſo in the thing it ſelf, a *Dream* ſo exactly Fram'd, under ſo great ſenſe, was leaſt under the power of the underſtanding, and therefore Divine, and Immediately from God.

Now that all theſe great Preparations, and ſolemn Circumſtances ſhould be thus ordered, and diſpoſed by God, without ſome High deſignation of God for the Glory of his own *Kingdom*, and ſome very Admirable *Prophecy*, and Courſe of Time lay'd out to it, I appeal to any perſon, that ſhall duely weigh, and conſider it, whether it be ſo much, as probable.

On the other ſide, whether if there ſhall be other very weighty Reaſons, that ſuch a Courſe of Time to the divine *Kingdom* is deſign'd; This great Ceremony ſo immediately order'd by providence, does not exceedingly concert with it, and add to the Reaſons otherwiſe drawn? Seeing elſe, All this Dvine ſtate was to adorn a *Heathen Prince's Dream* concerning *Heathen Potentacies*, and no change upon the *Heathen* world for the better, nor any Accruement to the divine Kingdom hereby; but onely thoſe Temporary, ſhort Acknowledgments, that dyed upon the Breath, and Lips of that *Pagan Prince* that made them, while neither Himſelf, nor his Kingdom were Converted to the *True God*.

Argu. 2. Although there was no End of Glory to the *Divine Kingdom*, worthy the Magnificence of the Manifeſtation to the *Babyloniſh Prince* in this *Dream*, ſhort of the *Divine Kingdom* it ſelf; Yet taking the *Divine Kingdom* at the End, there is a very great and Glorious Correſpondence betwixt this Manifeſtation, and the *Divine Kingdom*.

For at the Time, when the *Kingdom of God* ſeem'd to be loſt, and ſwallowed up, and to be even as it were, none at all, through the deep *Captivity* of the onely True people of God, then in the World, under this *Babylonian* King; Yet to ſhew the ſurmount of the *Divine Kingdom* in its vertue, and efficacies, there

there is by the true, and Supreme *Monarch* of the *World*, a *Dream* ſo Rivetted into all the Imaginative faculties of this ſo great viſible *Monarch*, his Subſtitute and Servant, that could not be, by all the Pleaſures, and buſineſs of a Court, forc'd from thence; and which yet could not be ſo much as call'd into Knowledg, what it was, nor Expounded but by a particular Miniſter of the *Divine Kingdom*, the *Prophet Daniel*; All the Fatigues of the *Aſtrologers*, *Magicians*, and *Wiſe-men*, the *Seers* of that great Prince being to no purpoſe in their Divination.

And this *Dream* retreived out of the dark of a Troubled, but unknowing Imagination, where it was written, as in Marble, in ſo indelible, and yet ſecret Characters prov'd to be, and was Acknowledg'd in the Inlightned underſtanding, and not Incertain Imagination of this Prince, to be a *Prophecy* of the uneaſie Reſt of his own *Monarchic* Power, that was continually *Over Turn'd*, *Over Turn'd*, *Over Turn'd* *, till He whoſe Right it is, ſhould come, and take it out of the laſt Reſt of it *, Even the *Son of God* Himſelf.

* Babylonian. Perſian. Grecian. * Roman.

All which ſo wrought upon this otherwiſe Haughty *Potentate*, that He made this *Confeſſion* to *Daniel*; *Your God is the God of Gods*, and *Lord of Kings*, and a *Revealer of Secrets*; And as a further Acknowledgment, He exalts *Daniel*, as in a *Repreſentation* of Gods Supremacy over the World, to be over the *Province of Babylon*, and *Cheif* of all the *Governouors*, and over all the *Wiſe men* of the *whole Dominion*. A great Prophecy of the Subjection of *Babylon* it ſelf to the *Kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt*, and here the *Horn of Iſrael* that ſeem'd Dead, was made to Bud according to *Ezekiels prophecy* of this very Time, as before argued. *c.* 29. 17.

And further, that *Miracle* from Heaven ſo Encloſing his Servants in the *Furnace* with the Guards of Providence, that the Flame was a *Wall of Fire* to defend onely, and not to kindle upon them, while it *Burnt* up their *Enemies*, vindicated Gods *Supreme Royalty* over Nature, and caus'd that Exorbitant power, that durſt erect ſuch an *Image* for his own Glory, and command the worſhip of it, under a penalty ſo dreadful, to proclaim the reverence of the *True God*, under a more dreadful penalty.

And laſtly, God ſuſpended this *Monarch* from his *Throne*, and Levell'd him with the *Beaſts*, by depriving him of his *Reaſon*,

Reaſon, till he came to ſuch a humble Publication of the *Name of God*, as was the neareſt to True Religion, that could be, not to be determin'd to be True Religion.

And it is moſt obſervable, that as the *Son of God* appeared to this very firſt of the *Four Monarchs*, as it were in perſon, who was the *Supreme Monarch* truly ſo call'd, that his Right to the *Kingdom* deſigned Him, might be the more underſtood, and Teſtified; So *Daniel*, a *Jew* had his *Skirt* taken hold off, thus leading to the *True God* and his *Kingdom*; and He himſelf with the other his Three Companions in the *Patience*, and *Kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt* had a promotion in that *Babyloniſh Monarchy*, *Prophetical* of the *Kingdom* firſt comming to the *Jews*, when it ſhall be *Given* under the *whole Heaven* to the *Saints of the moſt High*.

Thus jealous was Divine honour, not onely over it ſelf, but careful of preſenting to Univerſal view, and notice its great deſign of ſetting up an *Univerſal Monarchy*, and *Kingdom* in a *viſible Glory* by that great *Son of Man*, who is alſo the *Son of God*; The *Glory* was not ſo *Given to anôther*, but that it was ſeen to this *Gentile Ruler*, as ſitting *on a Throne* far above Him; and He on all occaſions was humbled, and abaſed before it.

And whether theſe Acknowledgments of the Father, might not have an influence on *Evilmerodach* the Son, and move Him to that kindneſs to *Jehoiachin*, and to *ſet his Throne above any of the Kings*, the word of God gives us no poſſitive Rule to aſſert; Yet probable it is, both the Father and the Son, however convinc'd of the true God, knowing Gods determination of the *Seaventy years Captivity* of the *Jews*, They minght not releaſe it, as *Cyrus* did. It being God's Councel, it ſhould not be done during that *Monarchy*, becauſe as in Time, ſo in other great Regards, it could not Agree to that *Type*, *Babylon* was to Bear, to be ſo honour'd.

Argu. 3*d.* The very Frame and Fabrick of the *Dream*, or *Viſion* it ſelf is a full Evidence of a *Calendar* of *Time* to the *Kingdom* of *Jeſus Chriſt*.

For the *Image* it ſelf is a *Calendar* of Time, and while that ſtands, the *Calendar* cannot be out of date, for the *Monarchy* like the *Sun*, from ſign to ſign moves on, and ſlides down from the *Head* to the *Arms*, and *Breaſt*, then to the *Belly*, and *Thighs*, then to the *Legs*, and *Feet*; and points to time all along according to the nature of a *Calendar*, both by its duration and

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by its motion, and while the *Feet* are *unbrokan*, the *Image* ſtands, and remains a *Calendar*.

2. The *Four Mettals*, *Gold*, *Silver*, *Braſs*, *Iron*, and a mixture of *Clay*, according the General Emblem of ſucceſſive Ages, in this very order ſignifies the Flower, and top of Time, and the Head of it at firſt, and at laſt the very dregs of Time.

In which the ſecond is ſaid to be a *Kingdom Inferior*, not ſo much intending the ſtrength, or Temperament of the following *Perſian Monarchs*, in many regards exceeding the *Babylonian*, as the Inferiority, and Poſteriority of Time, in regard of which the *Head* was of *Gold*, as further off from Ruin, and Deſolation; to which every ſucceſſion approached nearer, till the very *Feet* and *Toes of Clay* had the Fatal and Deſtructive ſtroke, wherein all fail'd and fell. So as in *Litteral Babylon*, the Glory began in *Gold*, ſo in myſtical *Babylon* the *Feet* and *Toes* of *Iron* and *Clay* ſhall be *ſtruck* and *Broken*, and the whole *Image* ſhall *Fall*, and *Great* ſhall be the *Fall* of it. *Dan* 2. 39.

3. The *Monarchies* themſelves, into which the parts of the *Image* are Interpreted, Deſcribe a long Time; ſince it is ſufficiently known, ſuch *Potentacies* muſt have Time to diſplay Themſelves in; And that if They ſucceed one Another, it muſt be a long Tract of Time, that muſt give them oportunity to Come on, and go off from the Stage of ſo publick Action; Therefore They themſelves, as *Kingdomes*, or *Monarchiies* deſcribe long Time.

And ſeeing the *Kingdom*, that ſhall *ſtand for Ever and Ever*, and that ſhall have the *dominion* under the *whole Heaven*, is plainly plac'd at the End of theſe *Four*, and *Breaks* in peices the laſt; The *Kingdom* of *Chriſt* that does this, and ſo the whole *Falling* and *Beaten* to *Powder*, and paſſing away as the *Chaff of the Summer Floor*, muſt needs be the Scene, that muſt open laſt, and its *Times* be beyond all their *Times*.

Till therefore Theſe *Four Kingdomes* have had their Time, the *Kingdom of Chriſt* comes not on, nor breaks them in pieces, and till the Time, the *proper Time* of the *Kingdom of Chriſt* be come, theſe have not had their Full Time; So this is an Indented Character of Time, if any one, That if the laſt of theſe *Kingdomes* be yet continuing, It is certain, *Chriſt's Kingdom* is not yet; And if *Chriſts Kingdom* be not yet, it is certain, the laſt of thoſe *Kingdomes* is yet continuing, and is not daſh'd to powder, and all the *Image* with it, as it ſhall be by the *Stone* cut out

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of the *Mountain*, *Filling the whole Earth*, when his *Kingdom* ſhall come.

Argu. 4. After a moſt ſtately, and Magnificent deſcription, or *Iconiſm* of *Four* mighty *Monarchies*, that viſibly and ſenſibly rul'd over the World, and aw'd it; and that by force, and power broke in pieces all who did not ſubmit; There is ſubjoyn'd the preſence of a Fifth *Kingdom*, or *Monarchy*, that the *God of Heaven* ſhould *Set up*, and had never yet been ſet up, that ſhould *Break in pieces*, and *Conſume* all theſe *Kingdomes*, and ſhould it ſelf *ſtand for ever*. And the deſcription of the *Four* precedent is evidently on purpoſe to Introduce, and ſet at the cleareſt, and fulleſt Light the laſt.

The doubt then is, what *Kingdom* this laſt ſhould be; The Sovereignty of Supreme, and Univerſal providence is at all Times alike; The *moſt High* always *Rules*, *changes Times*, and *Seaſons*, *Pulls down*, and *Sets up*; It cannot therefore be underſtood of that; For to what Account would ſo particular and expreſs *Iconiſm* of that Turn, that is always the ſame, and always alike? or why ſhould that *Kingdom* of the ſupreme *Godhead* adminiſtred by his *Providence*, that is an *Everlaſting Kingdom* and *Endureth throughout All Generations*, be thus Poſtpon'd to *Four* great *Monarchies*, that exiſted before them; and by, and in which they Themſelves always ſubſiſt while they do ſubſiſt? This divine Providential *Kingdom* then it cannot be.

Let it then be ſuppos'd to be the *Spiritual Evangelick Kingdom* of our *Lord Jeſus Chriſt*, beginning at his Reſurrection and *Chriſtianizing* ſo great a part of the then *Known* World, and which by degrees brought *Nations* and *Princes* into Subjection to it, not onely *Spiritual*, but alſo *Politick*, *Civil* and *Monarchic*, from the Time of *Conſtantine*.

And that it was not the *Spiritual* and *Evangelical Kingdom* of *Chriſt*, I will conteſt onely on this *Topick*; When an *Image* is made up of *Four Monarchies*, Senſible, Viſible, and that did all their work in ſuch a Senſible, Viſible manner; It is againſt thoſe curious Laws of *Iconiſm*, in which the *Holy Spirit* is as Exquiſite, as in the very order of the *Creation*, or in the Fabrick of Mans Body, to ſubjoyn a Spiritual *Stone* and *Mountain*, that ſhould as a *Stone* ſmite the *Image*, and *Break* it in *Pieces*, and then it ſelf became a great *Mountain filling the Earth*, and all this onely in an *Evangelical Spiritual* ſenſe, and then Riſe up into a perfect *Spirituality* or *Heavenlineſs*, and therein continue *for Ever*.

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This I aſſert, (and leave the aſſertion to every judicious Conſiderer,) to be ſo unlike the admirable *Emblematizings*, or Repreſentations of the *Divine Spirit*, as to be by no means endured.

For the *Stone* and the *Mountain* thus underſtood, take up no Room, nor give any more Reſiſtance, or *Anti-typy* to the four *Monarchies* before, then the *Hoaſts* of *Immaterial* Beings do to *Bodies*, how innumerable ſoever; or then the *Omnipreſence* of *Immenſity* does to the motion of *material Beings* throughout the whole Sphere of worldly ſpace; or the Notions of Vertue and Juſtice make reſiſtance after the manner of Armies to the Inſults of bodily Puiſſance: and therefore though the Kingdom of Chriſt had great Effects upon the World in that very ſpiriritual Senſe, and by way of Conſequence, upon bodily Action; yet the *Imagery* of it were as improperly joyn'd with the *Imagery* of the *Monarchies*, as the laying Spirits in Colours would be, when the Action of Body and Matter is intended to be repreſented firſt; and then that Body and Matter forc'd out of its place by other however purer Matter, that ſhould fill its Room and Space: for ſo it is here, the *Stone*, though *Cut out of the Mountain without Hands*, becomes a *Mountain filling the Earth*, and the Saints of the *moſt High* take the *Dominion* under the *whole Heaven*, which Expreſſions plainly ſhew, the State of theſe *Monarchies* is not taken away, and ſupplyed by a State above *All Heavens*, but by a State as well under the *Heaven*, and upon the *Earth*, as on high; ſo that the taking away all Earthly State, and a Heavenly State ſucceeding it, cannot be the meaning of this *Viſion*; nor a ſpiritual State before that, can be the meaning; for the higheſt *ſpiritual* State that hath been yet in the World. *viz.* the *Miniſtery of Chriſt*, and *his Apoſtles* gave no diſturbance to the *Monarchies* of the *World*, nor made any remove of them.

Argum. 5. The *Heavenly* State of *Chriſts Kingdom*, or in the pure and perfect *Eternity* being foreprized by thoſe Expreſſions forenam'd, from being the meaning, and importance of this *Viſion*, we may further argue, that neither the *Spiritual* State of *Chriſts Kingdom* at his *Reſurrection*, nor that Spiritual State prevailing upon the multitude of Chriſtians, firſt by Converſion, and then upon Temporal *Princes*, as *Conſtantine*, and Princes, ſince the Empire becoming *Chriſtian* under Him, can be the purport of this *Viſion*.

For though the *Kingdom* of Christ did grow great in its Spirituality and Divine Truth, in the *Ministry*, *Death*, and *Resurrection* of our Lord Jesus Christ; And though the World was in very Great, and wonderful manner converted to Christianity after it, and though the *Kingdom of Christ* did become visibly and sensibly Great under *Constantine*, and did *break in pieces the whole material*, and secular frame of the *Heathen Roman Monarchy*, and might seem hereupon to become a *Mountain filling the whole Earth*; and indeed great notice is taken of it in the *Revelation*, as if *the Kingdom of our God* had been *come*, *Revel.* 12. Yet by comparing two things; one in this *Prophecy*, the other in the *Apocalyps*, we shall be plainly convinc'd, that neither the *Spiritual Kingdom*, nor his *Kingdom* supposed in the *Christian Empire* can be this *Stone*, *Mountain*, nor *Kingdom*, and certain Knowledge not only of *History*, but of the general State of the World will make it good.

1. That the Kingdom *God sets up* shall not be *left* to other *People*, that is, It shall not be as the other *Kingdoms*, bequeath'd, left by Will, or as we speak *demised* to other *People*; not without the Death, that is, the Ruine of the Testator, as to his *Dominion*, however his *Life might be prolonged*. This is ordain'd by him, whose *Dominion* is to all *Generations*. Thus the *Babylonian* demis'd to the *Persian*, the *Persian* to the *Græcian*, the *Græcian* to the *Roman*, the *Roman* shall be forced to surrender to the *People of the most High*; But they shall never pass away their *Dominion*, over whom the Lord Jesus is Prince to any *diverse People*, as the Inheritor of their Power.

But now let the *Kingdom* be understood of the Spiritual *Kingdom* of Christ, or of the *Empire* as *Christian*, becoming the *Kingdom of Christ*, and this Character will fit neither; for the *Spirituality* of Christs Kingdom was thus far *left* to *other People*, that the *Apostle* after the *Resurrection* of Christ, says, *That day* 2 *Thes.* c. 2. *shall not come*, except there come an *Apostasie First*, a defection from the *Kingdom of Christ*, and the *Man of Sin*, who is a Prince most opposite to Christ, be *Revealed*; accordingly it is said, *The Spirit speaketh expresly*, *some*, *viz.* a Generation of men shall 1 *Tim.* 4. 1. *depart* from the *Faith*, *&c.* How then can so much as the *Spiritual Kingdom of Christ* be said to *stand for ever and ever*: And then for the *Kingdom of Christ* being supposed to become Great by *Constantine*, and other *Christian Princes* since Him, It cannot be made good, for besides the Inrodes, the *Barbarous* Nations made

made on the *Empire*, and the *Kingdom of the Beaſt* Riſing ſo ſoon, as the ſame *Hour*, the *Empire* fell; Beſides all this, the *Mahometan Impoſture* and *Pſeudo-Religion* aroſe againſt the ſpiritual part of *Chriſts Kingdom*; and its *Tyranny* againſt the appearrance of the *Kingdom of Chriſt*, that ſhould *fill the Earth*. How then did the *Kingdom of Chriſt* in this Senſe *break in pieces* all other *Kingdoms*, and *conſume* them, that It might it ſelf *fill the Earth*? Or how was the *Kingdom under the whole Heaven given to the Saints of the moſt High*? Or how was his *Kingdom* ſuch an *Everlaſting Kingdom*? But when ever Chriſt takes the Kingdom, It muſt be thus univerſal in its ſpread, and Everlaſting in its Duration.

From whence I conclude neither the *Spiritual Evangelical Kingdom*, begun at the *Reſurrection of Chriſt*, nor the *Chriſtian Imperial Kingdom* at *Conſtantine* is the *Kingdom* here foretold; but one yet to come, and though the *Spiritual Kingdom* then begun never indeed can be totally *deſtroyed*, nor ſo much as the *Imperialneſs* of the *Name of Chriſt* declared in *Conſtantine* ſhall ever be depoſed; yet the *Conſumption* of all other *Dominions*, and the Greatneſs of the *Kingdom* under the *whole Heaven* cannot ſo much, as be pretended to be Fulfilled, while *Popery*, and *Mahometaniſm* have ſuch a Name in the World; nor can the *Propheſie* poſſibly allow any Abridgment of what was once obtained by this *Kingdom*, which yet hath certainly fallen out to *Chriſtianity* in both the *Spiritual* and *Imperial Kingdom* of Chriſt; from whence it is certain, It is not the *Kingdom* here *propheſied*, that hath yet been.

Nor, to ſpeak Impartially, can It be underſtood by either of theſe *Propheſies*, that there ſhould be any viſible Regiment at leaſt in the then known parts of the World, but what ſhall be *given to the Saints of the moſt High*, when That *Kingdom* ſhall appear, for All ſhall be taken from thoſe of the *four ſucceſſive Monarchies*, that had it before, or what ever was enjoyed by any of them within any of thoſe Territories; ſeeing of Them particularly It is *propheſied* that their *Dominion* ſhall be *taken away*, and given to the *Saints of the moſt High*, and then are added more large, and comprehenſive Words, taking in the whole World.

Argum. 6. If the very Frame of the *Viſion* be ſuch, as is moſt proper for the giving ſuch a *Calendar* until that *Great Kingdom of Chriſt*, then we have Reaſon to look upon it as ſuch a *Calendar*.

Let us then consider in the *Image* these several Things;

1. The whole *Image* made up of all its Parts.

2. The Distribution of the Parts, as the several Residencies of the *Monarchies.*

3. The *Monarchicness* it self.

4. The *Monarchicness* first United in its Residency to such and such Parts, and then its remove to other Parts.

Now in every one of these Particulars by the Wisdom of the *Divine Spirit* some assurance of Time in general is Given, as It runs to the *Kingdom of Christ*; but most particularly, the *Calendar* is fix'd in the Duration of the *Monarchic Residence* in each part; then in the Remove of the *Monarchicness* from one part to another; as shall be seen by this following Reflection on each.

The whole *Image* is made up of *Four Monarchies*, which in Allusion to the Humane Body, make the upper and lower parts of such a Body; the higher Parts the Precedent, and first Ages of Time, at and after the *Vision* given; and so furthest from the *End*, or *Kingdom* of *Christ*; the lower parts the after Ages nearer, and nearer to the *End*, or *Kingdom* of *Christ*. The whole *Image* therefore hath a fitness to describe Time by its Higher, and Lower parts; and further, It self standing, and having its several parts subsistent or in Being, is thus far a *Calendar*, that we know thereby; The Time of the *Image* is yet, and that therefore the *Kingdom* of *Christ* is not yet *Come*, even as we know by the *Kingdom* of *Christ* not yet *Appearing*; The *Image* is yet standing.

Thus we see, the whole *Image*, and the distribution of its Parts is prepared, as the Dial-plate of a Clock, or Watch; or as the Months in the year, giving together the Circle of the Suns motion.

But then the *Monarchicness* is as the Sun moving from Sign to Sign, or from Month to Month, or as the Hand on the Dial-plate from Hour to Hour; so moves that *Monarchicness* from the higher to the lower parts, and thereby defines Time; For the Higher the parts in which the *Monarchy* resides, the further off from the *Kingdom of Christ*; the lower it subsides, the nearer to the *Kingdom of Christ*; If then we can find the *Monarchicness* in any parts of this *Image* yet Resiant or Resting, we know in general the *Kingdom of Christ* hath not yet appeared; but if we find it in not only the *Legs*, but in the *Feet* and *Toes*, we know, as the *Apostle* says, It is the *last Hour*, but it is not

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yet out. Let us then conſider theſe *Four Kingdomes*, or *Monarchies*, as cloſely united, as they make this *Calendar of Time*, as the Humane Body is; however the parts, as ſeveral *Kingdomes* conteſt one with another, where the *Monarchicneſs* ſhall Reſide; while then the *Feet* ſupport the whole, the whole ſtands; and as the *Head* of *Gold*, the *Arms* and *Breaſt* of *Silver*, and *Thighs* of *Braſs*, give Luſtre to the *Iron Legs*, and *Feet part of Iron*, and *part of Clay*; So the *Feet of part Iron*, *part Clay*, at the ſame Time ſupport the more excellent *Mettals*, and ſhow their danger of being Beaten together, when ever thoſe partly *Brittle Feet* fail, and the *Image* falls thereupon; Till then they Remain, as in the *Type* united, as Bodily parts, however the *Monarchicneſs*, as a *Spirit* Flitts and ſhifts in its efficacy of Power, and Action from one to another; *viz.* from the Higher to Lower, on which account in the following *Viſion*, it is ſaid, the laſt or fourth *Beaſt* in the *Little Horn*, and his *Body* is *given to the devouring Flames*; But the *other Beaſts* had onely their *Dominion taken from them*, but their *Lives* were *Prolonged*; That then, which principally gives us the Time of the *Calendar* is the Motion of the *Monarchic Spirit* from part to part.

Now that *Monarchic Spirit*, which is ſpecific to all theſe *Monarchies* is *Idolatrous*, Salvage, Cruel, oppos'd to the *Kingdom of God*, and of *Jeſus Chriſt*; So long then as ſuch a *Spirit* Animates, and Informs any part of this *Image*, ſo long the *Calendar* is in date. And if we can find where this *Spirit* is now in its *Monarchic*, Energetic force, we may know whereabout, we are in this *Calendar*; For ſeeing it is moſt undeniable, the *Head of Gold* was the *Firſt Kingdom*, and the *Kingdom* ariſing after, and *Inferior* in Time was the Second *Kingdom*, That which next followed after was a *Third Kingdom*, that was of *Braſs*, and then a *Fourth* of *Iron*, firſt as in the *Legs*, and then *part of Iron*, *part of Clay*, as in the *Feet* and *Toes* of the laſt ſtate; and that each of theſe are called *Kingdomes* and not ſingle Kings, and one after another, and that *God* hereby *made known* to *Nebuchadnezzar*, what *ſhould be hereafter*; Seeing All theſe things are undeniably thus; It is alſo undeniable, theſe *Monarchies* are a *Calendar of Time*: And laſtly, ſeeing the *Kingdom* that *ſtands for Ever*, *and Ever*, ſo particularly *ſmites the Image* in the *Feet*, and *Toes of Iron*, and *Clay*, and that the *Iron*, and the *Clay* and the *Braſs* and the *Silver*, and the *Gold* were *Broken in pieces together*; and that in the *days of the Kings*, *Symboll'd*

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by the *Toes*, the God of Heaven would *Set up a Kingdom*, and laſtly, that the *Stone cut out of the Mountain without Hands*, ſhall *Break* in *Pieces* the *Iron*, the *Braſs*, and the *Clay*, (which is ſet in the middle, as in the point where all were Broken) and the *Silver*, and the *Gold*; It is moſt evident, This *Image* of *Gold*, *Silver*, *Braſs*, *Iron*, and *Clay*, is a *Calendar* of Time till the *Everlaſting Throne*, which muſt be the ſame with the *Throne* in *Ezekiel*, and that the *Toes* particularly, as of *Clay* are the very Laſt part or End of the *Calendar* before that *Throne*, or *Kingdom*.

Chap. 7. *Argum.* 7. The Conſideration of the following *Viſion* of the *Four Beaſts* given by God to *Daniel*, is a further Aſſurance of the *Calendar* to the *Kingdom of Chriſt*, drawn in theſe two *Viſions*: For therein God hath *doubled* the *thing* for the *certainty* of it; as in *Pharohs Dream* of old, Interpreted by *Joſeph*, and there is no Reaſon to doubt, both *Viſions* Center in the ſame deſign to lead by the ſame *Four* Kingdomes to the *Kingdom of Chriſt*, and at the ſame Time, *viz.* at the End of the *Four Monarchies*: There is no Reaſon, I ſay, to doubt, although the Materials, or Symbols of the *Viſions* differ ſo much, as one to be taken from the ſeveral parts of the *Body of a Man*, the other from *Salvage Beaſts*. For ſo the ſimilitudes in *Pharohs dream* much differ'd; one taken from *ſeaven Ears of Corn*, the other from *ſeaven Kine*. But as then, ſo now, The great Intention was to Aſcertain the Event by Ingemination, For the *Four* Kingdomes in both *Viſions* ſo evidently plain, and the *Everlaſting* Kingdom at the *End*, are unqueſtionable Aſſurances, that both Intend the ſame thing, *viz.* a Subſtantial *Calendar* of *Four Monarchies* to the *Kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt*.

But yet this latter *Viſion* differs from the Former in Two regards.

1. The former was originally given to *Nebuchadnezzar*, a Heathen Prince, and Expounded by *Daniel*; This is firſt given to *Daniel*, and upon after *Viſional* ſearch more fully explain'd by God to him; and ſo there is a more inward diſcovery of things relating to the *Kingdom* and *Church of God*, then was vouchſaf'd to an *Alien* to the *Common-Wealth of Iſrael*, although That was admirably Great, and greatly for the Glory of the ſupreme Being and Governor of the World; and a laſting Monument of it to after Ages, and alſo an Illuſtrious Teſtimony of the *Kingdom of Chriſt*, that ſhould at the laſt break

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in pieces his own and the three ſucceding *Monarchies*, which were, as hath been ſhewn, a Table of Time to that Kingdom, and therewith all other *Monarchies* and *Kingdoms*.

But yet this was but in the groſs; To *Daniel* an eminent Miniſter of the *Divine Kingdom*, there is a more explicit *Revelation* of *Antichriſt*, the great Enemy, and oppoſite of that *Kingdom*, who was the *Clay* of the *Image*, and in whom the whole ſhould be *broken*; and this with the incident particulars, of the *Tyranny*, *Antichriſt* ſhould exerciſe over the Saints; of the *Son of Man Receiving the Kingdom* from God *ſitting in Judgment* on *Antichriſt*; and then the Saints *poſſeſſing the Kingdom* under Chriſt, are great Amplifications of the former *Viſion*, and more agreeable to *Daniel*, a Domeſtick of the *Divine Kingdom*, and ſo moſt fit to lead to that *Kingdom*.

2. The former *Viſion* was in the *ſecond year of Nebuchadnezzar*, when the *Babylonian Monarchy* had gain'd the aſcendent over all the *Kingdoms*, ſo as to be an *Univerſal* Monarchy. The latter *Viſion* was in the Weſt, and Evening of that *Monarchy*, *viz.* in the *firſt year of Belſhazzars* ſhort Reign, who was the laſt *Babyloniſh Monarch*, and to whom the Scripture records only three years. In the firſt *Viſion* thereof the *Types* were more condecent to a Prince ſo aggrandiz'd by God, *viz.* A great *Image* of *excellent Brightneſs*, and *terrible Form*; *a Head of Gold*; but in the latter *Viſion*, theſe four *Monarchies* are repreſented by *Beaſts*, ſeated in the midſt of Violence, Blood, and Spoil; and chiefly beaſtly and bruitiſh *Idolatry*, and *Perſecution*; eſpecially the firſt and laſt of theſe *Monarchies* were ſo. And as to the ſecond, although the great Services of ſome of the *Perſian Princes* to the *Church of God* might ſeem to have deſerved a fairer Character: and ſo the acknowledgment, the *Great Alexander* is reported to have made to the *True God* in the *High Prieſt*; yet in regard of the *Idolatry*, and Ravage upon the World, and as making up one *Image* of Univerſal *Monarchy* oppos'd to the *Kingdom of Chriſt*, and laſtly in regard of the Perſecution of ſome of the Princes of both thoſe Monarchies againſt the Church of God, of which the *Perſian* Princes withſtanding *Chriſt*, *Dan.* 10. 13. *Haman* in *Eſther*, and *Antiochus* of the *Græcian Monarchy* ſo great a *Type* of *Antichriſt deſolating the Sanctuary*, and *taking away the daily*, are Inſtances, They are all under the ſame Name of Infamy.

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Yet in the Infinite Mercy of God to any degree of Penitency, *Nebuchadnezzar's* acknowledgment of God after his ſo great Humiliation ſeems remembred with Honor in that Symbol; After the *plucking of the Wings* on the *Lyons back*, ſhewing at once both the ſpeed, and the ſhortneſs of the *Babyloniſh* firſt *Monarchy*; It was *lifted up from the Earth*, *and made as a man to ſtand on its Feet*, and a *mans Heart was given to it*: In all other, Theſe Monarchies together, as alienated from the Worſhip, and Religion of the *True God*, and as Predeceſſors of *Antichriſt* are deſcribed from what is worſt; Beſtialneſs and Ferity; and therefore the whole of their *Dominion* to be taken away, and *conſum'd* by the *Kingdom of Chriſt*.

Now in that this *Viſion* thus reſumes the Time, that was paſt, from the firſt *Viſion*, It argues, The two *Viſions* ſo evidently of the ſame Importance, One at the Beginning, the other at the End of the *Babylonian Monarchy* are a ſubſtantial Calendar of Time, to begin as from the *Viſion* of *Ezekiel*, and to determine at the *Everlaſting Throne* that *Ezekiel* had foretold, as they moſt evidently both do; and ſo define the Time betwixt that *Viſion*, and that *Throne*, which is the point we are in purſuit of.

It is true, when the *Sacred Chronology* comes to a *numeral Line*, or a *Line of Time* by *Number*, the *Babylonian Monarchy* is then left out, as it muſt needs be; becauſe elſe the *numeral Line* beginning after it could not be exact, and becauſe it is ſo perfect in the Account of the 2300 *Even. Morn.* that there needed no ſervice from the *ſubſtantial Calendar*, which is thenceforth to be guided by it.

Argum. 8. I come now to the laſt and undeniable Argument, that Theſe *Viſions* are a *Calendar* of Time to the great *Kingdom of Chriſt*. And that is, if it can be made out by *Holy Scripture* in Agreement with Univerſal *Hiſtory*; That from the very Time of theſe *Viſions* given, Things have been in Motion, and are ſtill in the Motion, They ſhould be, according to this *Calendar* to the *Kingdom of Chriſt*; Then it will be impoſſible to deny, that Theſe *Viſions* are indeed a *Calendar of Time* to that *Kingdom*. But this is to be made out from *Scripture*, and therefore They muſt be a *Calendar*; For firſt the *Scripture* is expreſs, that according to this *Calendar*, the *Babylonian Kingdom* gave way to the *Medes* and *Perſians*, according to that *Hand-writing*, that ſo much Terrified *Belſhazzar*, of which *Daniel* was the Interpreter, *Thy Kingdom is divided and*

and given to the Medes *and* Persians; *viz.* to the *Breast* and *Two Arms* of the *Medes*, and Persians, but so that the *Persian Dominion* Rose above the *Medes*; and that one *Horn* in *Cyrus* started up so much higher, than the other, that it had the sole *Dominion*. So that though *Darius the Mede*, took the *Kingdom* or the *Universal* Monarchy from *Babylon* first; Yet we read of *Cyrus* King of *Persia* his first year Following immediately; For in answer to *Daniel's* prayer at the very End of the Seventy years, the Commandment immediately came forth, which was by *Cyrus*, making in his first year a decree for the Release of the *Captivity*, and therefore his *First year* must be at the End of *Darius* his *first year*; So we read of his *Third year*, and of the years of the following Kings of *Persia*, by which we know the *Persian Kingdom* was the *Second Kingdom*.

The passing off of the *Persian Monarchs* is no less expres; For the *Grecian He Goat Brake* the *Two horns* of the *Persian Ram*, who *Took the Kingdom* from *Babylon*, and *Stamped* upon Him; And to shew the *Universal Monarchy* then pass'd, the *King of Grecia* is said to *do according to his Will*, an expression of the *Universal Monarchy* in this *Prophecy*. Dan. 8. 7. c. 11. 3.

Alexander the *Great* is by all allowed to be that *Grecian King*, figur'd by the *Leopard*, and *He Goat*, and is expresly nam'd *King of Grecia*.

After *Alexander*, There was a continual mutation, and change of that *Monarchy* out of one Hand into another; that it was as into the *four Winds* in regard of the motion, and Variation, till it after settled in the *four Kingdoms*, and Conspicuously in Two; the *Lagidæ of Egypt*, and the *Seleucidæ of Greco-Syria*, as in the Two *Thighs* of the *Image*, so Remarkable a Character of Time as to be known by the *Dhil-Karnain* or *Two Hornes*, as it were from this *Prophecy of Daniel*, and these, *Prophecy* especially insists upon in the *Eleaventh Chapter*, as the *King of the South*, and of the *North*, as shall be after explain'd.

And in this succession, the *Calendar* is very clear, and not to be doubted, as hath been already, and shall be further made good in these Three great Positions, wherein the further progress of the *Calendar* down to our very Time, shall be even demonstrated.

Posit. 1. That the Time delineated by this *Calendar* cannot be expir'd.

Posit. 2. That the *Calendar*, and its Time being not expir'd, it can be continued onely in the *Roman Monarchy.*

Posit. 3. That the *Calendar* having its subsistence in the *Roman Monarchy*, there is, as may justly be expected, such an *Idea* of it, partly *Historical* but especially *Prophetical* in the *New Testament*, agreeing with undoubted *History*, as shall exactly correspond this *Prophecy* of *Daniel*, whereby we may know whereabouts we are in this *Calendar*, with an answer to Objections.

Posit. 1. This *Calendar* is to expire in the *Stone* cut out of the *Mountains without Hands*, that is, by a High, divine, supernatural power; smiting the *Image*, and *Becomming a Mountain*, that shall *Fill the whole Earth.* And in the *days* or *Their dayes* of *those Kings* (to make the date most exact) *viz.* of the *Feet*, and *Toes*, *part of Iron*, and *part of Clay*; *The God of Heaven* shall *set up a Kingdom*, that *shall not End*, not be *left to other people*, but it shall *Break* in *pieces*, and *Consume all these Kingdoms*, and They shall be *Broken in pieces* and become, as the *chaff in the Summer Threshing Floors*, and the *Wind shall carry them away*, *so that their places shall be no more found.*

And according to the Second *Vision*, the *Calendar* must expire in the *Giving* the *Body* of the *Little Horn* (*Broken* in the following *Vision* without *Hand* that is, by an immediate divine power, to the *consuming Flame*) and giving a *Dominion*, *Glory*, and *Kingdom to the Son of Man*, that *All People*, *Nations*, and *Languages*, *should serve Him*; The *Kingdom*, and *Dominion*, and *Greatness of the Kingdom*, *viz.* particularly of that *Universal Monarchy*, that had been according to the *Image* shifted from part to part; and more then that, the whole *Dominion* or the *Dominion under the whole Heaven* shall be given to the *People of the Saints of the most High.*

Now I would appeal to all thinking, and considering Men, who do not Implicitly yield up their faith to the Stream of Interpreters, whether These things have yet been plainly, visibly, and notoriously Fulfill'd; as is justly to be expected in *Prophecies* already Incarnate, and compleated in their Events; And especially in an Event so great above all other Events; or whether it can be suppos'd; such Firm, Solid, natural Expressions of a *Kingdom* can be Attennuated, and Evaporated into *Metaphor*, and *Similitude*; Seeing it is much to be believ'd, that therefore *Metaphor* and *Similitude* is so often us'd; because

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All Things that are *written*, ſhall be at laſt *Fulfil'd* in ſo High, Perfect, Subſtantial, maſſy Event, and uncontradictable Reality.

If then theſe Things are in this manner to come to paſs, and are not yet come to paſs; we know, this *Calendar* cannot be as yet expir'd, or out dated.

Poſit. 2. If the *Calendar* then be not expir'd, it can be continued onely in the *Roman Monarchy*; For there is nothing more evident, then that it muſt be continued in one of thoſe *Four Monarchies*, that are given in the *Image*, and in the *Viſion* of the *Beaſts*; and ſeeing the *Babylonian*, the *Perſian* and *Grecian*, whether in *Alexander*, or in the *Diviſions*, into which his *Kingdom Fell*, have had their ſucceſſion, one after another, and that none of them continue at this day in ſuch a ſucceſſion, The *Calendar* muſt ſubſiſt in a *Monarchy* of ſuch a *Succeſſion*, as is given in thoſe *Viſions*, and a *Monarchy* that ſurvives in that Succeſſion at this very day.

It muſt be a *Monarchy* of ſuch a Succeſſion, becauſe the Two *Viſions* do plainly import, and declare ſuch a Succeſſion, as cloſely connected, and conjoyn'd, as the members of a Humane Body from Head to Foot, and as the parts of Time from part to part are conveyed in each Month and Year; As therefore the member of any other Body, the Legs, or Foot of a Foreign Body, cannot ſupply the place of ſuch a member in this, or that Body that it is not of, no more can any other *Monarchy* or *Kingdom* ſupply the place of any of theſe *Monarchies*, that are not Joyn'd in the juſt order, and ſcituation of each *Monarchy*, with reſpect one to another in this *Image*; or any more, then a Month, or a day taken from another Year, or Month, can ſupport the Courſe of this Year, or Month.

And it muſt be a *Monarchy*, that ſurvives at this day, or elſe it cannot be a *Monarchy* of the *Image*; For ſuch a *Monarchy* muſt whatever it be, ſuſtain the Courſe of Time to the *Kingdom of Chriſt* as before deſcribed; which no *Monarchy* can do, that is not even now extant, becauſe the *Kingdom of Chriſt* hath not yet appeared.

Now no *Monarchy* can anſwer *Prophecy* in theſe Two points, but onely the *Roman Monarchy*; For all *Hiſtory* agrees, no *Monarchy* or *Kingdom* ſucceeded *Alexanders* proper and perſonal *Kingdom* deſcrib'd in this *Prophecy*, but the *Grecian diviſion* of that his *Kingdom*, which beſides it was *Grecian* ſtill, and there-

fore cannot be ſaid to ſucceed the *Grecian Monarchy*; beſides this, Is does not remain in that ſucceſſion at this day, that it ought to do, to ſupport the Courſe of Time as given in this *Prophecy*; That *Grecian diviſion* therefore muſt be reputed one *Third Monarchy* with *Alexanders*, All *Grecian*, though of another Model from *Alexanders*; Yet ſuch as *Prophecy* gave it, as of one in *Alexander*, and as divided into *Four* after Him, and then more Remarkably into *Two*; If that be ſo, then no other *Monarchy*, but what ſucceeded that *Grecian Monarchy* as ſo divided, eſpecially into the *King* of the *North*, call'd the *Greco Syrian*, or *Seleucidean*, and the *King of the South*, the *Egyptian*, or *Lagidean Kingdom*, can be the *Monarchy* we deſign; Becauſe, as hath been ſaid, it muſt be in immediate ſucceſſion to the Foregoing *Monarchies*; ſo that any ſuppoſable *Grecian Monarchy*, or *Kingdom* under the *Turk* at this day, that hath come in, out of the orderly courſe of *Succeſſion*, and not of ſuch a *Figure*, as this *Prophecy* hath given it, can be the *Monarchy*, we are in purſuit of, although ſuch *Monarchy* may continue, till the *Kingdom* of *Chriſt* ſhall ſucceed.

But now how exactly does the *Roman Monarchy* Anſwet in the point of Succeſſion; For firſt, the very *Prophecy* of *Daniel* tells us, that the *Kingdom of Alexander* ſhould be *divided* to the *four Winds*, and then that it *ſhould be pull'd up for others, beſides*
Dan. 8. 8. *Thoſe*; It was *divided* for the *Four*, and yet remain'd the ſame;
Dan. 11. 4. But it was to be *pull'd* up for *others*, ſo as to ceaſe to be a *Monarchy*; Now thoſe *others* beſides muſt be they, whoever they
Dan. 2. 40. were, who *devour'd*, and *ſtamp'd on the Reſidue* with *Legs of Iron*, as in the *Image*, with *Feet of Iron* as by the *fourth Beaſt*, in the
Dan. 7. 19. *viſion* of the *Beaſts*, and they muſt be *Romans*.

For it is very well known, that the *Grecian Partite Monarchy* came near to the *days of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt in the Fleſh*, and yet not ſo near, as to make any fair Interpretation of ſo much, as the *God of Heaven* ſetting up the *Spiritual Kingdom* of *the Goſpel* in the *days* of thoſe *Kings*, pourtrayed in the *Image*, if that *divided Grecian Kingdom* had been the *Fourth*, and *Laſt*; and yet again ſo near, that it is moſt known in all *Hiſtory*, that no other *Monarchy* could come between that *Grecian Monarchy*, and the *Birth of Chriſt*, but the *Roman* Monarchy onely, ſo that if the *Kingdom* of the *Stone* out of the Mountain, had been onely a *Spiritual Kingdom*; Yet ſtill the *Roman* Monarchy muſt be the *fourth*. This ſeems order'd as on purpoſe to divert Interpreters from

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the *divided Grecian Kingdom* as the *fourth* Monarchy, and neceſſarily to ſhape them on the *Romans*; And it is moſt evident, not onely in all *Hiſtory*, that the *Roman* Monarchy was then come to its *Zenith* in the *Reign of Auguſtus*, but eſpecially in the ſacred *Hiſtories* of the *Goſpel*, for there came out a *Decree* from *Cæſar Auguſtus*, at that very Time * that *our Lord* was *Born*. And that it particularly cover'd the *Jewiſh Nation* the onely *People of God* at that Time, to which *Prophecy* had ſo ſingular an Eye; And the *decree* from *Auguſtus* was, to Tax or deſcribe the whole *Oecumen*, or *Habitable World* as by the poll; Was not this a *Fourth Univerſal* Monarchy from the *Babylonian*, the *Perſian*, the *Grecian*, and was it not *Roman &c*?

* *Luk.* 2.

But further to make it more known, at the death and *Crucifixion* of our Lord, The *Sentence* was given by *Pilate* the *Roman Subſtitute*, or *Governour*, and the *Jews* declared on the occaſion; They had no *power to put any one to death*. So that the *Roman Univerſal Monarchy* at that Time, is become an *Article of Faith*, *Crucified under* Pontius Pilate, declares the *Roman fourth Monarchy*.

And now that the *Evangelical Kingdom* by the *Birth*, *Miniſtry*, *Death*, *Reſurrection* and *Aſcenſion* of *Chriſt* was *ſet up by the God of Heaven*, that we might not think, This *Spiritual Kingdom* was the *Fulfilling* of *Prophecy*; There was no *Breaking of this fourth Kingdom* by it, nor of any other *Kingdom*, as is Foretold in theſe *Viſions*; But *Chriſt*, altho' he own'd himſelf *King of the Jews*, yet declar'd his *Kingdom not of this World*, nor *from hence*; That is, not from below, but to come down in the *Jeruſalem from above*; He did not therefore diſannul *Cæſar's Kingdom*, nay He *Eſtabliſh'd* it by that Command, *Render unto Cæſar &c.* as it were in care, that *Prophecy* might be *Fulfil'd* concerning that *fourth Monarchy*; Agreeably after the *Aſcenſion* of *Chriſt*, *Paul*, as directed by God, made that Famous *Appeal to Cæſar*, and all the *Apoſtles* taught ſubjection to the *Roman Powers*. This ſhews, a *ſpiritual Kingdom* was not the deſign of *Prophecy*, but an *Imperial*; For when *Conſtantine*, as an *Univerſal Emperour* declared for *Chriſt*; It was then ſaid, with high *Doxologies*, the *Kingdom* of our God is come, as an *Emblem* of that *Kingdom* yet to come.

Joh. 18. 36.

Acts 25. 11.

Rev. 12. 10

Thus far I have then undeniably, as I muſt be Bold to ſay, Reaſon'd; That ſeeing the *Kingdom of Chriſt* is not yet come, ſome of theſe *four Monarchies* muſt be in Being; For they are a *Calendar* to it; that it can be onely the *fourth Monarchy*, that

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is thus in Being; For the *Babylonion*, the *Perſian*, the *Grecian*, which were the three firſt even by name in *Daniels prophecy*, are paſt and gone off, as in the ſucceſſive *Dominion* of Each; The *Roman* then ſucceeding the *Grecian* and being ſo *Great a Monarchy* after it, as hath appeared, muſt be the *Fourth*. And even becauſe, it is the *Fourth*, it muſt be in Being, becauſe the *Kingdom of Chriſt* is not yet come; And it muſt therefore continue in Being, till that *Kingdom* comes.

On the other ſide, we may aſſuredly Argue, that as the *Roman Monarchy* was in Being, as an *Univerſal* Monarchy ſince the *days of Chriſt*, ſo by the general knowledge we have of the World; It continues in Being in the *Roman Papacy*, and the *Kings* yet devoted to it: It is therefore certain, the *Kingdom of Chriſt* is not yet come, as it is to come according to this *Prophecy*. And thus much then we are ſure of before hand, that we cannot ſtir off from this very *Roman Monarchy*, till we come to the *Kingdom of Chriſt*; For if it were ever a *fourth Monarchy*, there is no *Monarchy* after, nor beſide it, according to this *ſure word of Prophecy*, that can be a *Remaining Calendar* to us to that *Kingdom*; Becauſe whatever *Monarchy* was the *fourth* Monarchy, muſt continue to the *Kingdom of Chriſt*, we muſt therefore run upon it, as upon an *Ecliptick Line* given us, from which there muſt be no variation.

And if we can hold the *Footing* we have hitherto found in the *Hiſtory* of the *New Teſtement* by the *Prophecy* ſucceding it, and to which the *Hiſtory* leads us, and in Agreement with *Univerſal Hiſtory*, we ſhall certainly come down with the *Calendar* we are upon, to our own Times, and know how near we are to the End of it, and ſo to the ſucceſſion of the *Kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt*.

Poſit. 3. I come therefore to the third Poſition, There is ſuch an *Idea* of the *Roman Monarchy* in the *Prophecy* of the *New Teſtament*, as will moſt exactly Correſpond the *Prophecy of Daniel*, in concert with moſt Agreed, and Indiſputed *Hiſtory*, and ſhew us, whereabouts we are in this *Calendar*, and how near to the *Kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt*.

But before I come to compare this *Idea* with the *Prophecy*, and moſt known *Roman Hiſtory*, and thereby to Educe the *Calendar*, as it goes on, I muſt obſerve by way of premiſal theſe Three Things.

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1. That the *Prophecy of Daniel* does not name the *fourth Monarchy*, nor tell us what *Monarchy*, or what *National Cognomination* it hath, as it hath in some part of *Daniels Prophecy* (as hath already appear'd) told us, that the *Head of Gold* or *first Kingdom* was the *Babylonion*, that the *Babylonian Kingdom* was divided to the *Medes and Persians*, the *Kingdom* therefore necessarily after it; And the *He Goat of Greece* was *moved with choler* against the *Ram* of *Persia*, and stamp'd upon Him, that is subdued Him, and therefore that must be the *Third Kingdom of Brass*.

All this notwithstanding, it never distinguishes the *Fourth Kingdom* by its name; Herein the *Apocalyptic Prophecy* agrees; It very plainly, as we shall see, describes a *Monarchy* or *Kingdom*, yet it never expresses to us what *Kingdom* it was; As *Daniel* tells us, the *fourth Kingdom* in the *Image* is in the *Legs* of *Iron*, and *Feet*, and *Toes part of Iron*, *part of Clay*; and in the *Visions* of the *Beasts*, the *fourth Beast* with its *Feet of Iron*, its *Horns* and its *little Horn* was the *fourth Kingdom* upon *Earth*, and yet never says, in any part of his *Prophecy*, what *Kingdom* it was; even so the *Revelation* describes a *Dragon*, giving His *Throne*, *Power*, and *Great Authority* to a *Beast*, to whom *Power was given over all Kindred*, *People*, *Tongues*, and *Nations*, and therefore must have a *Great Kingdom*, yet it never declares, of what Nation or People, this *Kingdom* should take its name.

Nevertheless, if it be so evident, as it hath been, that no *Kingdom* came between the *Grecian* and the *Romans*, no not so much, as any *Spiritual*, or *Evangelical Kingdom* of *Christ*, as hath evidently appear'd by expres *Scripture History*; It is even *Scripture Demonstration*, the *Roman Monarchy* was the *fourth Monarchy*, and therefore must be the continuing *Monarchy*, until it, and all the rest shall be *Broken* by the *Kingdom of Christ*.

There must be therefore some great Reason, and which *Prophecy* would have us take notice of, why it Throws so Resolvedly such a veil of Secresie over this *Monarchy*; And we may plainly find, it is for the sake of the last part of this *Monarchy*, which is in a *mystery*, an *Apostasie* comming out of a *mystery of Iniquity*, a *City* in the *mystery* of an *Apostate Adulterous Church* and an *Imperial Idolatrous power* in the *mystery* of a *Spiritual Supremacy*: For the sake of which last state of this *Monarchy* the first is not disclosed; Because if the last were joyn'd, as *Prophecy* hath joyn'd it; The disclosing the first, would disclose the last; and that both should be joyn'd, the very *Prophetick* frames require.

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Thus the Covering this *fourth Kingdom* in *Daniel*, and the *Revelation*, doing the ſame in the *Kingdom* it deſcribes, argues they are both one and the ſame *Kingdom*, and that He that would underſtand them, muſt have *Wiſedom*, as the *Prophecy* admoniſhes to lay things together, and to compare them; For if this ſtate had been openly Foretold, the very opportunity and Action of this *Apoſtaſie* had been ſurpriz'd. The very Concealment is therefore to the prudent conſiderer a diſcoverery and an aſſurance, what *Kingdom* it is; And the unwary, which are the multitude; And even the wiſe, under the Enchantment of the growing *Apoſtaſie* knew little of it.

2. The frame of the *Divine prophecy* is herein very admirable, and obſervable, in that there is no determinate form aſſign'd to the *fourth Beaſt*, whereas the *firſt* had the *Form* of *a Lyon*, the *Second* of *a Bear*, the *Third* of *a Leopard*, the *Fourth* had no Form at all aſcrib'd to it.

Now the Reaſon of this is, partly, that the Ballance of *Prophecy* might be held even, between the Concealment of its mind to the generality, and the poſſible diſcovery of it by the wiſe, and conſidering Reſeacher of *Prophecy*. If there had been a form given in *Daniel*, and the ſame form given in the *Revelation*, it had been too open, and plain a diſcovery: If there had been one form given in *Daniel*, and another in the *Revelation*, it had made a confuſion ſo great, that even the Serious, and prudent ſearcher of *Prophecy* could not have Broken through, except there had been ſuch an Expoſition, as is given in the change as it were of Scenes, as of the *Perſian Ram* in *Dan.* 8. which was Emblem'd by a *Bear*, *c.* 7. and of the *Grecian He Goat*, *c.* 8. which was as a *Leopard*, *c.* 7. and ſuch an Expoſition had been too open in this caſe.

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the *Persian Monarchy*, it is said to have the *Feet of a Bear*; Especially, as the *Bears Fore-feet* are its strength, and resemble *Arms in the Body* of a Man, and so agree with the *Arms* in the *second Kingdom* of the *Image*; and then it had the *Mouth*, or *Head* of a *Lyon* resembling the *Head of Gold*; whereby its succession by the *Græcian* and *Persian* to the *Babylonian* is assured. And thus the *Calendar* of Time in these successive *Monarchies* is firmly established, and brought-down and Recapitulated, as in the last state of the *Fourth Kingdom*; both as in the *Image*, and as in the *Vision of the Beasts*; wherein also it is to Expire: Apply further to the *Fourth Roman Kingdom* in its last state the *Legs of Iron*, all other parts of the *Image* being already dispos'd, in the *Dragon*, giving his name [*Beast*] absolute, and without any *Form*, which the *Revelation* ascribes so generally, and Emphatically to the last state of the *Roman Beast* in the *Head of Ten Horns*, as one with the whole *Roman Beast*, and also with the *Image*; and you have the *Calendar* of the *Four* successive *Monarchies* brought down to this last *Roman state* in an *Emblem* so lively and certain, that no wit of Man could have Excogitated; Onely the *divine Spirit* hath found it, which is a great Assurance of *Prophecy* in this matter.

3. It is yet to be Remark'd, There must needs be many considerable variations betwixt the *Prophecy of Daniel*, and of the *Revelation*; Because both Time was so much further and higher advanc'd at that Time, and also because it may well be expected, The *Revelation* of the *New Testament*, may according to the excellent Light of the Gospel throughout it, excell the *Revelation of the Old Testament*, or the *Prophecy* of the *Prophet Daniel*; This is to be well settled in our Thoughts, that we may not be stumbled or offended, when in after particulars we observe the Variation.

And first there is this general variation, that the *Prophecy* of the *New Testament*, knowing, that the *Three first Kingdoms* were pass'd off before the days, even any of so much, as the very first of the days of the *New Testament* gives no Representation of them any further, then as They are Recapitulated in the *Beast*; So that the whole *Apocalyptick Prediction* appertains onely to, and gives the Schemes of the state of the *Roman Empire*, after it had subdued all the *Three first Kingdoms* under it self, and become the *Universal Monarchy* of the World. And this it does with Relation to the *Church*

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of Jesus Christ, as its principal object and aim, which is a most remarkable Consideration, Assuring us, the *Revelation* is a Continuation, and further Explication of what remain'd unfulfill'd of *Daniel's Prophecy*, from those very first days of the *New Testament*, or when They began.

That we may then go on with the *Prophecy* of *Daniel*; As the *Calendar* we are upon, was most declaredly brought down to the *Roman Monarchy* at the *Birth of Jesus Christ*; So there are several Periods of the *Calendar* from that Time, wherein the *Prophecy* of *Daniel*, and of the *New Testament* Agree most Illustriously with *History*, in Relation to the *Roman Empire*.

Period. 1. It is most notorious notwithstanding the *Birth*, *Death*, *Resurrection*, *Ascension* of *Jesus Christ*, and the *Apostolical preaching*; The *Roman Empire* continued one, and continued *Pagan* in the supreme *Powers*, and in the Body and Bulk of the People; From hence it is evident, the *Calendar* was not Run out, because the *Kingdom of Christ* did not onely, not *Fill the Earth*, but did not consume other Kingdoms, as it is first to do, before it *Fills the Earth*; And therefore no Interpretation of *Filling* the *Earth* with the *Gospel*, or *Spiritual Kingdom* can stand Good: And further, the *Calendar* was not come down to the *Feet* and *Toes* of the *Image*, nor into the *Head of the Beast*, dishevelling it self into *Ten Horns*, as it must in its last state; But during the *Pagan Empire*, it remained perfectly *One*; and therefore was not in its last state.

Now of this *Pagan Empire*, Two Things are most known.

That *Jesus Christ* having *come into the Flesh* under the *Roman Monarchy*, *Sathan* the *old Serpent* and *Dragon* being aware, that that *Kingdom*, which shall utterly destroy his *Kingdom* was entred; He as a *Dragon* watch'd that *manly Birth* to destroy it, if it were possible first; He then inhabiting the *Pagan Roman Empire*, it is fitly Resembled to a *Dragon* in regard of that *Spirit*, that inhabited it by a most particular influence over it; And because when *Christianity* began to spread it self in that *Empire* in a multitude of *Christians*; It had a Jealous eye over it, and over the *Empire*, it might raise; Therefore by *Ten* so known and Famous *Persecutions* it endeavour'd as a *Dragon* to *devour it*, and to surprize that *Supreme Monarch Jesus Christ*, who should Rule the *Nations with a Rod of Iron*, which the *Christian Church* compar'd to a *Travelling woman* was to *Bring forth*; Herein the *Pagan Empire* is Resembled to *Pharoh* the *Egyptian King of Old*, who fearing the overgrowth of *Israel* into a *Kingdom*, as a *Dra-*

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gon lying in the *Nile* waited to *devour it*, by *Killing the Male Children*; And thus *Herod* the *Roman Vaſſal*, though *King of the Jews*, *watch'd* to have *devour'd Jeſus Chriſt*, the *Incarnate King*, who ſhall ſit on the *Throne of his Father David*, and of whoſe *Kingdom, there ſhall be no End*. Thus admirable is the Concinnity and Agreement between the *Pagan Emperors* of *Rome*, that was to be a *Spiritual Egypt*, and the *Dragon*. How plain therefore is the *Calendar* of the *Roman Empire* in this particular to the very laſt of it, as *Pagan*; *Diocleſian* and the other laſt *Heathen Emperors* being among the Perſecutors of the firſt rank, and therefore we muſt needs be certain whereabout the Time of the *Calendar* then was. For we know this ſtate laſted about 300 Years after the *Reſurrection*, and in the clearneſs and particularity of this, the *New Teſtament* exceeds the old. Conſider further this *Imperial power* with relation to the reſt of the World, and it was *Salvage*, *Dreadful*, and *Terrible*, as *Daniel* ſtyles it, and as the *Revelation* ſtyles it, as a *Dragon*, *devouring* and *Conſuming* all other powers as *with Iron* Teeth, and ſtamping on them as with *Legs of Iron*, on which account the *Dragon* is ſaid, as it were, to *ſweep down* the *Third part of the Stars*, or other Princes, and powers of the World with its *Syrma*, its Tail or Train of Power, and enlarged *Empire*; And in that, it is call'd the *Third part of the Stars* It thus *ſweeps down*; It is agreeable, that its Succeſſion to the *Third*, or *Græcian Empire* ſhould be Connoted, which it ſo particularly *drew down*; from whence the *Third* or *Third part* becomes in this *Prophecy* a Cypher or private Character of the *Roman Empire*, Whether in the *Weſt*, the moſt proper peculiar *Rome*, and *Roman Empire*, or in the *Eaſt*, that affected alſo to be call'd *Roman Empire*, even as *Conſtantinople*, *New Rome*; and Theſe Two are therefore in theſe *Prophetick Hieroglyphics* call'd *Two Wings* of the *one Great Eagle* or *Roman Empire*. Rev. 12. 4.

And that we may know the *Prophetick Calendar* was taken care of in this *Pagan ſtate* of *Roman Empire*, the whole *Roman Beaſt*, that is ſaid to be diverſe from the *other Beaſts* in regard of its many, and more Eminently *Seven forms of Government*, very ſtrange to the other *Three Kingdoms* before it, eſpecially in the laſt, the *Papal Supremacy*, was pictured as with *Seven Heads*, *Heads* of that *City*, that when St. *John* wrote the *Revelation*, *Reign'd over the Kings of the Earth*, and therefore could be no other, then *Rome*. And it is particularly ſaid, *Five were*

Fallen, *One* then was; which we know, could be no other, then the *Pagan Emperors*; Thus exact is the *Calendar*, or account of Time, till *Conſtantine*, under whom the *Empire* became *Chriſtian*; Becauſe all *Hiſtory* Agrees whereabouts in Time it was.

Period. 2. The ſecond *Period* of the *Roman Empire*, ſince the *Reſurrection*, according to *Prophecy*, and moſt known in *Hiſtory*, is the *Chriſtian Roman Empire* under *Conſtantine* and his ſucceſſors; And the Time is very well known in *Hiſtory* and Agreed, whereabouts it was.

But it muſt be acknowledged, this *Period* or change of the *Empire* from *Pagan* to *Chriſtian* is not at all ſhaddowed in *Daniel's Prophecy*; in either of the Two *Viſions* of the *Image*, or of the *Beaſts*, it hath no Lines, or Mentions.

And the reaſon is very clear, and plain; For when the *Spirit* of *Prophecy* was pleas'd to give a *Calendar* of Time by Two *Viſions*, Both repreſenting a *Monarchic Frame*, though of *Four Monarchies*; Yet they were but *One* in a *Beſtian* enmity, and Contrariety to the great *Kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt*.

A *Chriſtian Monarchy*, that was given for a ſhort ſpace, as an *Emblem*, ſhade or *Specimen*, though but a dark one, of that *Kingdom* of *Chriſt* could have no proper place there, but muſt have confus'd the Frame.

But as if it were on purpoſe to compenſate the ſilence of the *Chriſtian Monarchy* in *Daniel*, and becauſe it may ſeem a Diſcontinuer in the *Beſtian Calendar* of *Kingdoms*, and in that Frame of *Four*, and yet but *One*; and eſpecially in the Two ſtates of the one *Roman Fourth Monarchy*; The *Prophecy* of the *New Teſtament* is much the more careful, and Abundant, and ſeems as it were to make Amends for this Appearing violation; that whereas all the *Four Monarchies* are as one *Beſtian Monarchy*, or *Image*, and the *Fourth Monarchy*, but *one Beaſt* There comes in as *Ex improviſo*, as unforeſeen a *Chriſtian Monarchy* in the midſt of that Laſt *Fourth Monarchy*, and ſpoils the whole Frame; and diſturbs eſpecially the *Calendar* as it may ſeem, but it will be found much otherwiſe.

1. For there is, as I may Reverently call it, a *Prophetical* ſcene in the *New Teſtament Prophecy* on purpoſe to Repreſent a *Chriſtian Empire caſting* out the *Pagan*, in the *Woman* the *Church bringing forth* after moſt painful *Throws*, *Sufferings* and *Martyrdoms* a *Manly Child*, *caught up to the Throne of God*, and the *Dragon Caſt down*,

down, and and a ſolemn *Doxology* upon it; *Now is the Kingdom of our God come*, This was a great *Emblem* of the *Kingdom* of *Chriſt*, as it is an *Imperial Kingdom* and not a *Spiritual* onely; And this is ſo plain, that no Interpreter doubts it of the *Chriſtian Roman Empire*, nor of the Admirableneſs of the *Emblem* Repreſenting it.

2. There is a diſtinct account of the *Roman Monarchy* in its *Seven Heads*, which were *crowned Heads*, or Formes of *Soveraign Government*, and all *Beſtian*, or *Idolatrous*, *full of the names of Blaſphemy*. And they muſt needs be of *Rome* that was carried alought by them, becauſe *Rome* without diſpute was the *City*, that *then Reign'd over the Kings of the Earth*, as *It is ſaid Revel.* 17. *ult.* Among theſe There is *one King*, that is plainly ſtyl'd ἄλλος to be a *King of another ſort*, *No Head*; For there were but *Seven*, and the *Eighth* is expreſly to be *One of the Seven*, *viz. Heads*; So the *Seventh King* could be no *Head*, for *Five* had been *Heads* and *Fallen*, and *One* then *was*, and the *Eighth* was of the *Seven*, therefore the *Seventh* could be no *Head.*

The Room, therefore of this *King* in the *Calendar* is *Embolimean*, and perfectly *Intercalar*; And it is ſo plac'd, that it muſt be, as I may ſo ſpeak in the *Seventh Stall* of thoſe *Kings*, immediately after the *Pagan*, as All *Hiſtory* knows, the *Chriſtian Empire* was, and juſt before the *Eighth King*, or *Papacy*, as *Hiſtory* alſo knows, the *Chriſtian* was in ſuch a ſenſe, as *Prophecy* will guide us unto.

But that it might be known to make no great Infraction in the *Beſtian* Calendar, It is ſaid *Emphatically*, He *muſt* or He ought in regard of his unnaturalneſs to the *Beſtian Monarchy*, according to *Prophecy* to *continue but a ſhort Space*; that is but about a hundred and fifty Years. δεῖ

Can now any care be greater with Relation to the *Chriſtian Empire*, that we may know it was; That it was by way of Interpoſal, as in the midſt of the *Roman Beſtian Monarchy*, and the very Time, when, and where it came ſo between, and the general Scantling of Time, it laſted?

3. The *Apoſtle Paul*, according to the *wiſdom given to Him*, diſcourſing of theſe Things ſhews, that the *Kingdom of Chriſt* that was to have its Times, its *own proper Times*, could not attain its proper Times, even according to his own *Oath*, till an *Apoſtaſie* according to *Daniel's Prophecy*, had brought forth the *Man of ſin*, and He had had his *own Times*; and therefore 2 *Theſſ.* 2. 1. *&c.* 1 *Tim.* 6. 15.

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Dan. 12. the *Apoſtle* is moſt vehement upon *Chriſtians*, not to expect that day of *Chriſt's Kingdom*, till then; For he knew the *Oath of Chriſt* was abſolutely againſt it; There ſhall be *Time, Times, Half Time firſt.*

Therefore ſaith the *Apoſtle*, though *Chriſt be come into the Fleſh*, though the *Roman* laſt *Monarchy* be now in its Courſe, which may quicken your Expectations, yet expect not that *day of Chriſt*, till after the *Times of the Man of Sin.*

And that you may not expect thoſe Times too ſoon, Know that God hath Interpos'd a Curb, an Hold faſt, that ſhall keep back the *Man of ſin*, till his *own* juſt *Times*; For the *myſtery of Iniquity* is now at work, and would bring him forth before his Time, but there is a *Chriſtian Empire*, that will *Hold faſt its Time, and be before Him*, and will caſt him on his juſt point of Time, that his *Time, Times*, and *Half a Time* aſſign'd him by that *Oath of Chriſt* may ſo end, that the *Kingdom of Chriſt* may ſucceed in its proper *Time* immediately after the *Times of the Man of ſin*, which had not God thus Interpos'd a *Chriſtian Empire*, and the *Pagan Empire* had continued no longer, it would not have done according to the great Times deſign'd by God; *Set* in, and by his own *Power* for *Chriſt's Kingdom.*

Thus by the *Apoſtles* diſcourſe the *Calendar* is not weakned, but ſtrengthn'd, and the *Chriſtians* of the *Apoſtles* Times, and of all Times, ſince he writ, may be led through the ſtages of Time ſince the *Reſurrection* of *Chriſt* to the *Kingdom* of *Chriſt*; As if the *Apoſtle* ſhould ſay, Watch the *Pagan Empire*, when it ends; For after that, there ſhall be a preternatural ὁ κατέχων a Succeſſor of another kind, a *Chriſtian Emperour* who keeps back the Succeſſion of the *Man of Sin*, that ought to ſucceed immediately, after the *Pagan Empire* according to the Courſe of nature; But yet it will not diſorder but keep Tight the whole *Calendar*, the *Man of Sin* ſhall after that *Chriſtian Empire* be *Revealed juſt in his own Time*; and whenever the Times of the *Man of Sin* ſhall end, expect the day, *comming* and *appearance* of *Chriſt*, for *Chriſt* ſhall *conſume* him with the *Approach of his comming*, and *Aboliſh* Him with the *Brightneſs of his own Appearance.*

From the *Reſurrection of Chriſt* then, the *Pagan Empire* laſts to the *Chriſtian Empire*, the *Chriſtian Empire* till the *days* of the *Man of Sin*, or *Antichriſt*; The *Times* of *Antichriſt* till the *Times of Chriſt* and of *his Kingdom*, an exact, and an eaſie *Calendar*, Solid, and Subſtantial; And ſeeing we all know the *Pagan Empire*

Empire is paſt, That *Chriſtian Empire* we ſpeak of, *viz.* of *Conſtantine* and of his ſucceſſors, till *done out of the way*, had its Courſe, and ceas'd; if we can but know then, how long the *Times of the Man of Sin* laſt, we muſt needs know, how long it is to the *Kingdom of Chriſt*.

But it is moſt plain, this *Holder back* is a very Elegant Inſinuation of a *Chriſtian Emperor*, that ſtay'd the Succeſſion of the *Man of Sin* after the *Pagan Empire*, till his own juſt *Times*, and no longer, though the Con-naturalneſs of *Paganiſm*, and *Antichriſtianiſm* was ſo Great, and the *Miſtery* of *Iniquity* then at work to attemper one to the other, that he might very well have come juſt after *Paganiſm*, and *Paganiſm* have merg'd into it; but God had decreed a *Chriſtian Empire* between, a *Specimen* of the *Kingdom of Chriſt*, (even as in *Nebuchadnezzars* firſt *Babylonian* Kingdom there were thoſe ſudden Appearances of the Divine Kingdom in his Acknowledgments of God) which *Antichriſt* ſupplanting, it made him the more exceedingly, and κατ' ὑπερ βολὴν *Antichriſt*.

4. As a further Care of *Prophecy* concerning the *Calendar of Time*, and the Interpoſal of the *Chriſtian Empire*, it gives us this plain Account of the State of the *Roman Beſtian Empire*, during that *Chriſtian Empire*, *viz.* That by Reaſon of the Chriſtian Empire, that was not *Beſtian*, nor any of thoſe *Heads*. The *Roman Beaſt* lay *wounded*; and it is ſaid, the *Wound* was a *Wound* unto *Death*, and a *Wound* with a *Sword*, and a *Wound in one of the Heads*; and that we may take further notice of the *Wound*, It is ſaid, *His deadly Wound was healed*, and he did *Live*. *Rev. c.* 13.

Now this *Wound* hath been much miſtaken by ſome Interpreters, as if it were the *Wound* given by the *Barbarous Nations*, invading the *Empire*, of which in the next particular we ſhall find another Account; But it is very plain, becauſe the *Wound* was in *one of the Heads*, and that the *Chriſtian Empire* upon which the *Barbarians* fell moſt peculiarly, was none of the *Heads*; It muſt needs be, that the *Wound* intended was on the *Pagan Imperial Head*, whom *Conſtantine* the *Great*, and *Theodoſius the Great*, beſides other the Chriſtian Emperors ſo remarkably *Wounded*, even unto *Death*, that It never recovered in a purely *Pagan* but only in the *Pagan Anti-chriſtian Head*. To which, becauſe of the Congenialneſs of the one to the other, the *Dragon* is ſaid in *prophetic Language* to deliver his *Throne*, *Power*, and *Autho-*

Authority by way of *Succeſſion*, and to *live* and to be *worſhip'd in Him.*

So that though we are not plainly told, it was the *Draconic Head*, which we found to be the *Pagan Empire*, was *wounded*, yet in that it is ſaid, The *Dragon* was *caſt out of Heaven*; that the *Dragon* gave his *Power*, *Throne*, and *Great Authority* to the *Beaſt*, and was *worſhip'd* in Him, the *World wondring* after the *Beaſt*. There is nothing more plain, then that it was the *Pagan Dragon* that was *wounded* by the *Chriſtian Empire*, coming next after it, and *healed* in the *Beaſt* coming in as a *Head*.

This then was the *Wound*, that the *ſixth Head*, as *Pagan*, *Idolatrous*, and *bloody*, could not maintain its *Supremacy*, and *Imperialiſm*, till the *Antichriſtian Head* ſucceeds it; but an *Empire*, a *Chriſtian Empire*, *prophetic* of the *Kingdom of Chriſt*, rooting out *Pagan Idolatry*, and advancing Chriſtianity ſo newly perſecuted to death by *Paganiſm* came between, by which, though the *Empire* continued, yet the *Beſtianiſm of the Empire* was *ready to dye*, and had *dyed*, but that there was a decree, to permit it to be *Heal'd*, and *Reviv'd* within a *ſhort ſpace* in the *Antichriſtian Beaſt*; which could therefore be no other, then whatever ſucceeded the *Chriſtian Empire* in *Roman Beaſtian Supremacy*; though, as we ſhall find only in an *Image of Supremacy*, and therefore muſt be the Papacy; elſe the *Wound* were not *Healed* to this day, which were moſt contrary to *Prophecy*, as deſtroying the frame of the *Beſtian Monarchies* in *Daniel*, and the whole Image of Things in the *Apocalyps of John.*

Now this Note of the *Beaſt wounded* is ſo great an aſſurance of the Care of *Prophecy* over the *Calendar*, given in *Daniel*, (though this *Wound* was not revealed in his *Prophecy*, as improper to it, and not to its Time) as can be given; and makes us more certain of the Truth of it, then if that occaſion of its Care had not been, as the Truth of a Prediction is more ſeen by taking notice of a preternatural Accident, and foretelling it, then if ſuch an Accident had not been; we are therefore to conſider the Prophecy of *Daniel*, and *John*, as all one *Prophecy* of the *Divine Spirit* in both; and as but of one, and the ſame Author, writing ſeveral *Propheſies* in ſeveral Times, and filling up the former by the latter.

And thus all *Hiſtory* agrees; That the *Chriſtian Emperors* came after the *Pagan Emperors*, and diſabled their *Idolatrous* and perſecuting Power. And that after the *Chriſtian Emperors* came the

the divided State of the *Roman Empire* in ſeveral *Kingdoms*, and *Kings*, united in the *Papacy*, and hath continued to this very Day; which muſt therefore be the *Beaſt* with his *Ten Horns*; (though all be convey'd, as it ought to be, according to this *Prophecy*, in a *Myſtery*, and in an *Image*,) or elſe the *Revelation* cannot be a *True Prophecy*.

5. There is another principal Note, that the *Sacred Prophecy* of the *New Teſtament* gives, on purpoſe to ſhew, that the *Beſtian-Antichriſtian-Roman Supremacy* in the *ſeventh Head*; call'd the *Beaſt*, and his *Ten Horns*; did not immediately ſucceed to that *Pagan*, *Beaſtian Monarchy*; but that there was the coming between of a *Chriſtian Empire*; and that the *Beſtian Kingdom*, that followed that *Chriſtian Empire*, was the *Papal Kingdom*; the knowledge and regard to which is of ſo great moment to this *prophetic Calendar*, that *Prophecy* hath taken ſo great Care in it; and It is thus to be underſtood;

The *Four Monarchies* ſucceeding one another, as in the *Image* of a *Humane Body*, the Succeſſion muſt be, as by way of kind Communication, as is between the ſeveral parts of the ſame body; And this was to ſhew, one *Idolatrous Spirit*, a *Spirit* contrary to the *Kingdom of God*, and of *Jeſus Chriſt* inform'd, and intelligenc'd the whole from Head to Foot.

But though theſe *Monarchies* were ſo united in one Spirit, and therefore as in *one Body*; yet to ſhew the contrariety of each ſucceding to each former Kingdom; they are in another Viſion repreſented, as *Four* Salvage *Beaſts*, each latter ravaging on that in power before it.

Thus the *Perſian*, as by a *Belluine* Might, vanquiſhed the *Babylonian*, the *Græcian* the *Perſian*, the *Roman* the *Græcian*, as *Daniels* Viſions, *c.* 7. *c.* 8. and all Hiſtory make notorious.

And thus it was determin'd by God, that the *Ten Kings* that came in, as *Feet of Iron* in Succeſſion to the *Legs of Iron*; and the *Horns* in Succeſſion to the *Iron Teeth*, ſhould come in as by way of *Leaving*, or *Legacying*, or kind Communication, as from part to part. And ſo indeed, the *Pagan idolatrous Empire* did, as it were naturally, and ſpontaneouſly reſign, and dye into the Antichriſtian riſing out of it; thus it is repreſented after a *prophetical*, *emblematical manner* by the *Revelation*; The *Dragon gave its Throne*, *Power*, and *Great Authority* to the *Beaſt*, that is, the *Pagan Emperor* to the *Papal Antichriſt*, what ever diſtance of Time there was between them; and ſo they worſhipped the

Dragon in the Beaſt, as aforeſaid; Thus it was as between the Congenial, one *Pagan* and *Papal Beaſt*, and the *Legs* and *Feet* of the *Image*.

But then as the *Viſion* of the *Beaſts* imports each *Kingdom* ſucceding the former, as by violence; ſo theſe *Horns* or *Ten Kings* came by violence into the *Empire*; for ſo it pleaſed the wiſe, and Holy Governour of the World, it ſhould be; The Nations foreign to the *Roman Empire* tranſplanted themſelves from their own Seats, and by armed force plac'd themſelves in *Italy*, and the ſeveral parts and Provinces of the *Roman Empire*.

And yet they all made ſtill the ſame *Roman Monarchy*, and the ſame *Beaſt*, becauſe, whereas the *Perſian King* ſucceding the *Babylonian* did not place his Royal Greatneſs in *Babel*, but in *Shuſhan*, nor *Alexander* in *Perſia*, but in *Græce*, nor the *Roman* in *Græce*, *Perſia*, nor *Babylon*, but transferred all to *Rome*; The *barbarous Nations* on the contrary do not remove the Potentacy from the *Roman Territories* to the Countries, from whence they came, but continue it, where they found it, and Inhabit, and Inherit the former Reſidencies of *Roman Power*, and ſo are the ſame *Empire* in *Feet of Iron*, and of *Clay*.

For if the *Feet of Iron* make no Tranſplantation, much leſs would, or could the *Feet of Clay*, much more tyed to the ſame *Earth*, from whence they ſprung; and above all to the *Roman Earth* of St. *Peter*, where He, ſay they, as *Biſhop* left the print of his Foot, as in *Clay*, that the *Roman Hierarchy* might ſprout from it.

And they are all the ſame *Beaſt* alſo, whereby the *Calendar*, and Succeſſion is maintained; for to ſhew, the ſame *Idolatrous* and *Hoſtile Spirit* to the *Kingdom of Chriſt* influx'd all; the *Dragon* gave his All, as was noted before; and the whole is, as nearly allyed as part to part in the ſame Body, acted by one and the ſame Spirit.

And this was all certainly an Illuſtrious, and adorable Care of *Providence* over *Prophecy*; That Things ſhould be juſt thus; that Prophecy might be *fulfilled* in the *Roman Monarchy*, continuing *One* and the ſame *Monarchy*, as we ſhall ſee, in *Ten Kings* united, in one *Eccleſiaſtic Roman Supremacy*, as *Ten Horns* in one *Head*; and the *Capital*, *Imperial* City *Rome* was continued for the ſame *Head*, by a moſt aſtoniſhing, and even amazing Ordination of God, as the other *Capital Cities* within the *Roman Dominion* for the *Ten Kings* each in their own *Kingdoms*.

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But ſtill, there were all the Violences of War made uſe of for the Succeſſion of the *Ten Kings*, as *Feet* of *Iron*; and they were as neceſſary for the *Feet of Clay*, to riſe in the midſt of thoſe Noiſes, ſtilly, ſilently, unobſervedly to their *Grandeur*, and the *Supremacy* of One *Pontiff*, even *He* of *Rome*, among them.

To adjuſt therefore every thing to this Succeſſion with the *Decorum* of the *prophetical Types*, let us now obſerve the admirable Concert of *Providence* and *Prophecy* in this Period.

In the firſt place therefore as a great *Emblem* of the *Glorious Kingdom of Jeſus Chriſt*, and his *Univerſal Monarchy* over all Nations, and eſpecially his Triumph over that Ancient *Kingdom of Sathan*, *Pagan*, and *Heatheniſh Idolatry*; wherein Himſelf, and his *Angels*, and the *Demoniz'd Spirits* of his Servants were ſo immediately *worſhip'd*; there is a wiſe Ordination by God of a *Chriſtian Empire*, to remonſtrate this Victory in an *Empire* then own'd, as the *Univerſal Empire* of the World, and where *Heatheniſm* had ſeem'd to Triumph over *Chriſtianity*; but *Chriſtians* thus *overcame*, by the *Blood of the Lamb*, by the *word of his Teſtimony*, and by *Chriſtians* not *Loving their Lives unto Death*.

This *Empire* therefore enter'd, as into the Heart of the *Fourth Monarchy* in *Daniels Viſions* by a High Dominion, and Ordination of God, though ſo contre-natural to it, that on all Accounts It is as a caſting *Sathan out of Heaven*, and as it were the *Coming of the Kingdom of our God*.

The whole Order therefore of theſe *Emperors* throughout the whole Time of the *Chriſtian Empire* is ſo far all one order, that from firſt to laſt, they are All one *ſeventh King*, as the *Kings* of *Judah* were All, *One Houſe of David*; but this *Empire* in its former and in its latter Times differ'd much in the purity of the *Chriſtian State*, and in the Illuſtrious Preſence of God with it; as *Zedekiah* and thoſe *latter Kings* did from *David and Solomon*; yet ſo, that while the order it ſelf ſtood, there could be no Succeſſion of the *Beſtian Kingdom*; for they are ſpecificly diſtinct, which is a note of great weight in the *Calendar*; and it is even demonſtrated, That all thoſe Chriſtian *Emperors* in ſacred Regiſter, are but One; becauſe They are called *One other King*, and that they are ſpecificly diſtinct; becauſe the *Eighth* is of the *Beſtian Heads*, the *ſeventh* before it is not. Revel. 17. v. 10.

But now, as to our Note; this *Christian* Empire look'd like an Infracture on the Calendar; for that, a Succession was due to the *Feet of Iron*, and *Clay*, and to the *Ten Horns*, and to the *little Horn*; that is; to the *Ten Kings*, and the *Papacy*, as soon as ever the *Legs of Iron*, and *Head* as of the *Teeth of Iron*, that is, the *Pagan Empire* was depriv'd of supreme Power; so that this Christian Empire according to *Daniels* Visions was to have dyed, as soon as it was born.

Prophecy therefore, as it were remembring in the *New Testament*, what it self had said in the *Old*, and, as conscious of the *short space*, *This* Empire was to continue; and knowing well, That there were four *Trumpets of War* decreed, and prepar'd, as Storms and Tempests to remove it; in the very next *Vision* to that of *Heathenism desolated*, which was *Revel. 6.* last; It presents four *Angels*, c. 7. 1. *Holding the four Winds*, that They should not blow by those *Trumpets*, c. 8. and a charge is given them, to take heed to their Commission, that they should not let out those *Winds*, until the *Servants of God were sealed in their Foreheads*; that is, That the *Christian Empire* should continue, and continue in Glory, and Peace, till Things were prepared for the *Succession* of *Antichrist*, that *Man of Sin*, or *Beast*, as this *Prophecy* styles Him; and as we shall find presently, that *sealing* of the *Servants of God* in the *Forehead* imported; Till the *Feet* of *Clay* then were ready for their Succession, the *Feet of Iron* should not succeed; for they were *Feet* together, though of so different a Mettal, and not to *cleave*; nor the *Ten Horns*, till the *little Horn*, though in another appearance. *viz.* of a *Head* in the *New Testament-Prophecy*, should be ready for his Succession also; for at the same *Hour* Both were to *receive Power*.

Now what does this so peremptory Charge import, but a *miraculous*, as it were, and immediate over-rule of the natural course of Things, according to *Daniels Visions*? and the vertue of it lasted in full force from the *Christian Empire* of *Constantine the Great*, till the Death of *Theodosius the Great*. Then there was such a Relaxation of this Charge, that the *Angels prepared* Themselves to *sound*, but did no more, then prepare.

Now how agreeable is this to *History*? soon after *Theodosius*'s *Death*, these Clouds and Storms began to hover and hang, but did not fall, in their full effect of *doing the Christian Empire* out *of the middle*, as the *Apostle* speaks, 2. *Thess.* 2. 7. where it stood as a

Wall

Wall of partition betwixt the *Beſtian Times* of the *Pagan Empire*; and the Times of the *Antichriſtian Beſtian Empire*, that They could not meet; but then according to *Daniels Prophecy* expounded by the *Revelation*, They clos'd; for then the *Dragon*, or *Pagan Empire* gave its *Throne*, and *Great Authority* to *Antichriſt*, or the *Beſtian Empire*, and the *Antichriſtian Times* began. And thus the *man of Sin* was *held back*, as the Apoſtle ſaid, that *He might be revealed in his own Time*, and the *middle Time* being of an arbitrary interpoſal, but Divine, is, an Inter-reign of no Account in the *Beſtian Empire*, but all comes naturally together, that the *Dragon*, as was ſaid, *Gave his Throne*, &c. as if there had been no Interruption.

And how decorous now to the *Type* is All the State of Things, as to the *Heathen Empire* remov'd!

1. It was abſolutely neceſſary to the Succeſſion of the *Papacy*, the *Heathen Empire* ſhould be removed; It was then moſt decorous, it ſhould be *done* by a *Chriſtian Empire*, the *Emblem* of the *Kingdom of Chriſt*, and not that the *Feet*, and *Toes of Iron* of the *Roman Beſtian Empire* ſhould ravage on the *Legs* of *Iron*, nor the *Horns of the ſeventh Head* on the *ſixth Head*, which according to *prophetic* Repreſentation kindly yielded the Succeſſion to it, as was ſaid.

2. The *Chriſtian Empire* gave Great Advantage to the *Feet of Clay*, or the *Antichriſtian Hierarchy* to negotiate their own power by the Favour of Chriſtian Emperors, and their Donations of Titles, and Revenues to Chriſtian *Biſhops*, and to a Chriſtian *Clergy*, as they affected to be call'd.

And Shoales of People then coming in to the *Princes Religion*, there was a condeſcending to the *Pagan Divi*, *conſecrated Temples*, *Holy-days*, *Prieſts*, *Pontiffs*, *Rites to the Dead*, *Images*; So, that Reſemblances were found for them of a Chriſtian Name, until Things came to that paſs, that the Servants of God were *ſeal'd*, that is, the true *Chriſtian Glory* was ſtay'd, *ſeal'd up*, and reſerv'd to the future Time of the *New Jeruſalem*, and ſecur'd for that againſt *Antichriſtian Contagion*; The *Gentiles* in *Pagan Rites* enter'd into the *outward Court*, or *Profeſſion* of the *Chriſtian Name*, and the *True Worſhippers* retir'd into the *Temple*; The *Witneſſes* put on their *Sackcloth*, out of whith they are not yet, and the True *Chriſtian Church fled into the Wilderneſs*, in which it is ſtill *Hid*, though not ſo cloſe, ſince the *Reformation*, but yet waits the perfection of the Reformation; All which are Ex-

Expreſſions of the *Antichriſtian* Succeſſion, together with the *Ten Kings*, and for which the *Trumpets* were ſtay'd from *ſounding*, till he who judg'd Righteouſly of the True Epoch of the *Apoſtaſie*, gave them leave to *ſound*.

In the ſecond place, as to the *removing of the Chriſtian Empire*, how admirably fitted are the Types alſo! For ſeeing the *Beſtian Supremacy* in the *ſeventh Papal Head*, and the *Ten Kings* could not be, till all Light of the *Sun*, *Moon*, and *Stars* of the *Chriſtian Empire* were *darkned*, and the *Empire* it ſelf *quench'd*, as a *Lamp in Water*, and *Rome* ſo often taken, and re-taken; that it had no Title of *Supremacy* over it, but that of *Biſhop*; and the whole Glory of the *Empire* blaſted, as by *Hail mingled with Fire*; who ſo fit to do this, as *Barbarian Nations*, whom Prophecy brands as the Inſtruments of *Sathan*, the *Dragon perſecuting the Woman* the *Church*, that *brought forth the manly Child*, and who were to be the *Horns of the Antichriſtian Beaſt*, by whoſe Mediation the *Dragon* gave his power to Him?

But this *Empire*, however it carried the Name of *Chriſtian*, and bore the *Emblem of the Kingdom of Chriſt ſtill*, as *Jeruſalem*, even after the *Crucifying of Chriſt* was call'd the *Holy City*, yet it was ſo deeply by this Time *Antichriſtianiz'd*, that the Judgment of God adminiſter'd by theſe *barbarous Nations* did indeed purſue it. For he abhor'd the *Idolatrous* Proſtitutions, and Relapſes to *Paganiſm* under the diſguiſe of Antichriſtianiſm, from which he had ſo wonderfully reſcued it.

As therefore of old, He gave up *Jeruſalem* to be either *Captivated* or deſtroyed by *litteral Babylon*, on whoſe *Idolatries* it doted; even ſo He now delivered up the *Chriſtian Church*, and *Empire*, as ſo *Antichriſtianiz'd* to be either *deſtroyed*, or *enſlaved* by thoſe *Feet of Iron* and *Clay*, and that *ſeventh Head*, and *its Ten Horns*; ſo that what Sathan did with a Helliſh malice, God moſt Righteouſly, and Supremely, though moſt ſeverely executed by Him.

And thus we have brought down the *Calendar*, and ſettled it on that great *pillar of Time*, the *Chriſtian Empire*, Inaugurated in *Conſtantine*, Illuſtrated a new in the great *Theodoſe* and *Vacated* in *Auguſtulus*, from which as we ſhall find the *man of ſin* in *his own Times*, as the *Apoſtle* calls them, commencing, and of which we have a numeral *Calendar* given us by *Prophecy*. And the Time where we are to begin, we are moſt certain of by *Hiſtory*; That it was cloſe to 475, from whence therefore

fore it is to be dated, for then *Augustulus* was compell'd to *Abdicate* Empire. Then therefore *Antichristian Times* began, as I shall now go on to make out and to shew the state of Things from that Time going on, till now; as we all in great measure must needs know to be very *Astonishingly* agreeing with *Prophecy*.

I have now, I say, brought down the *Calendar* in my own Judgment, and I offer it to the Judgment of all the Serious, (supposing it acording to the *Spirit of God*, and therefore undeniable) to the *fourth Roman Monarchy*, establish'd upon an *Article of Faith*, at the *Crucifixion* of *Jesus Christ*; I have led it from thence through the *Pagan State* of it, of which a *Dragon watching* a *Manly birth* to devour it, is an *Emblem* so significant of the dreadful *Persecutions* for above 300 years after *Christ* as to be even demonstrative; and so conducted it to the *Christian* Empire, of which the *Dragon cast out* of *Heaven* and a *Manly Child* caught up to the *Throne of God*, in a *Kingdom* decreed him as in *Heaven* (though not immediately Appearing on Earth, as is manifest by the *Churches flying into the Wilderness*) is an *Emblem* so Beautiful, and Inviting, as not to be refus'd.

And if we do but yield that, to be the *Emblem* of the *Roman Monarchy*, first persecuting *Christianity*, and then it self becomming *Christian*, we are of necessity concluded, that either that *Christian* Empire was all the *Kingdom of Christ*, or that the *Roman Monarchy* is that *Roman Fourth Monarchy* still in a direct opposition to the *Kingdom of Christ*; For so the *Fourth Monarchy* must be the *fourth Monarchy* till then, and if the *Roman* be the *Fourth*, that must be so.

Now that that *Christian* Empire is not the *Kingdom of Christ*, we must needs know, because it did not *consume all other Kingdoms*, and because that of *Christ* shall never end, but that of a *Christian* Empire would *continue* but a *short space*; About an 150 years was the bounds of it. And violently it was made to cease by the *Barbarian Force*, which *Prophecy* calls the *Dragon persecuting* that *Christian Church*, that brought forth as a short *Emblem* of the *Kingdom of Christ* in that *Christian* Empire, the *Manly* Birth, *Christ* as a Soveraign.

And least we should think, it had a succession, and so an endurance in the *Papacy* and *Christian Kings*, and *Emperours* that rose out of its ruins, we find according to *Prophecy*; All

that

That ſucceſſion is involv'd in the dark Portraicture of a *Beaſt* and its *Ten Horns*; That true *Chriſtianity*, that brought forth that *Empire*, is cloſe *Hid in the Wilderneſs*, for 1260 years, till the end of which it cannot return; beſides, even that *Papal ſtate* ſuppoſe it had been a ſucceſſion of a *Chriſtian Kingdom*; It hath been, if I may ſo ſpeak, *Woe Trumpetted* by the *Saracens*, and *Turks*, for ſo great a ſpace, that as hath been ſaid, it could not be the *Kingdom of Chriſt*, and therefore muſt be the *Kingdom of Antichriſt*.

For ſo we find the *Beaſt*, as an *Eighth King* ſucceeded the *Seventh* or *Chriſtian King* after a *ſhort ſpace*, and the very ſame *Beaſt* of the *Seventh Head* ſucceeded the *Sixth Pagan King wounded in his Head*, ſo his ſucceſſion was double; In Time, He ſucceeded the *Chriſtian Emperour*; as *Beſtian*, He ſucceeded the *Pagan ſixth King*, who according to *Daniel* gave him his *Throne*, *Power*, and *great Authority*. For the *Papacy* in his *Ten Kingdoms*, devoted to him, is a *Pagan Chriſtian*, or *Antichriſtian Supremacy*; Thus it was, and thus it ought to be, that *Prophecy might be fulfill'd*.

Thus far then we are moſt aſſured, whatever ſucceeded the *Pagan Empire* in Time, was the ſhort ſpac'd *Chriſtian Empire*; whatever ſucceeded the ſhort *Chriſtian Empire* in Time muſt be the *Beaſt*, that notwithſtanding the Interpoſal of the *Chriſtian Empire* is united according to *Daniel* to the *fourth Beſtian Kingdom*, and according to the *Revelation* to the *Dragon*; And ſeeing no other ſucceeded the *Chriſtian Empire* in Time, but the *Papacy*, and the *Ten Kings*; Therefore that is the Continuation of the *fourth Monarchy* in the *Image*, as *Feet of Clay* and *of Iron*; and in the viſion *of the Beaſts*, as the *Beaſt* and *Ten Horns*, and remains, and ſhall remain ſo, until it ſhall be *Broken* by the *Kingdom of Chriſt*.

Period. 3. Our *Calendar* Reaches down to 475. by *Prophecy* and by *Hiſtory*; and here there enters a *Beſtian* ſtate which will take up more then Half the Time, from the giving of theſe *viſions* to *Daniel*; and a Moyety, or thereabouts of the whole Time, that the *fourth Kingdom* had ſo much, as a Being, even at the *Urbs Condita*, or the building of the *Roman City*, more then the Time thrice over, that it came into this *Calendar*, which was at the Ceſſation of the *Græcian Empire*.

Becauſe therefore this Time would be ſo long, it pleaſed the infinite wiſdom, and goodneſs of *Holy Spirit* of *Prophecy*, to give

give ſome light before hand to his Servants, how long this Time ſhould laſt; It pleas'd it, I ſay, to give here a *Numeral* though a *myſtic Calendar*, even juſt here, and to tell us, that *Laws* and *Times* ſhould be given for *Time*, *Times*, and the *dividing of Time* into the *Hand of the little Horn*.

And why, ſeeing were are bound to *ſearch* as far as we can, *what*, and *what manner of Time*, the *Spirit of Chriſt* did *ſignifie*, was it given here, rather then in any other part of the *viſion of the Beaſts*, if it had not been the pleaſure of God, that we ſhould know before hand, how long this laſt *Beſtian* ſtate ſhould exiſt?

For if we had been to wait the event onely; There had been leſs need of a *Calendar* here, then in any other part of the *viſion*: For the *Kingdom of Chriſt*, immediately comming into its ſucceſſion, after the Times of this laſt *Roman* ſtate; It will give a more Indubitable Reſound of its event than any other event of the viſion can be ſuppos'd to do; It was certainly therefore given to define Time before hand.

But if with the Comment of *Prophecy* it ſelf in the *Revelation*, it were not to be underſtood, Then it muſt be given to no end; Let us therefore be encouraged to ſearch it; For it is certainly to be underſtood, as I hope we ſhall find.

And that we may underſtand it, Theſe Two Things are neceſſary: 1. To expound the *Calendar* in its *Epoch*, or beginning, and in its juſt Courſe, Extent, and *Period*: and then, Secondly, to Adjuſt by the *Symbols of Prophecy*, and the moſt noble Aſſurances of *Hiſtory*, or rather of our own knowledge and Experience (The Things being much in Being, and Exiſtence at this Day) the Congruity of Events according to it, ſo far as They are already paſs'd, and thereby to derive the moſt aſcertain'd Expectations, of what is yet to come.

Now that we may do the firſt, it is neceſſary, that we concert *Time*, *Times*, *Half a Time* with *Forty two Months*, which are the *Apocalyptick Calendar* for the *Regnancies* of the *Beaſt*, and his *Ten Horns* or various *Kingdoms* according to the Reſemblance of the *Ten Toes* in the *Image*; which have been already prov'd to be in an immediate ſucceſſion to the *Chriſtian Empire*.

In the firſt place therefore, we muſt obſerve the Correſpondence betwixt the *Time*, *Times*, and *Half a Time*, and the *Forty two Months*; Let therefore *Time* ſignifie a year, according to that note, *Prophecy* hath undoubtedly on purpoſe provided us with, of *Seven Times paſſing* over the *Head* of *Nebuchadnezzar* in

his *Lunacy*; for that Times ſhould be more than Years, the courſe of his Conqueſts till within about Ten years of his Death will not allow; for in the *Twenty ſeventh year* of *Jehoiachins Captivity*, He made, as it appears, his laſt Conqueſt, and had been as we may perceive by *Ezekiels Prophecy* in a continual courſe of Victory to that Time, as hath been more at large in a former Diſcourſe diſcuſſed. Now that *Twenty ſeventh of Jchoiach.* muſt be the Thirty fifth of *Nebuchad.* for *Jehoiakims Third* was his *Firſt*; Add therefore the laſt eight of *Jehoiakim* to *Jehoiachims Twenty ſeventh*, they make *Nebuch.* Thirty fifth; and *Evilmerodachs* Firſt, who according to Scripture ſucceeded *Nebuchadnezzar* his Father, falling on *Jehoiachins Thirty ſeventh*; there remained Ten to *Nebuch.* when *Ezekiel propheſied* his *Conqueſt of Egypt*, within which Ten the *ſeven* of his *Delirium* muſt be comprehended; the ſeven Times therefore could not ſignifie more, then *ſeven Years.* For his Life we ſee would not allow more; nor can They in any fair ſuppoſal ſignifie leſs, there being no determinate meaſure of Time, worthy to be call'd *Times*, except Months; and ſeven Months is a Time much too ſhort for his being turn'd out, as among the *Beaſts*; or that the *ſtump*, or little ſhort Time of his Reign ſhould be ſo *Banded with Iron*, that It might be ſecur'd to Him. Now I have thus induſtriouſly debated this Matter, becauſe I would gain by it that, I think cannot now be deny'd; That a Time in Time, Times, *&c.* denotes a year. If then a *Time* denotes a year, *Times* joyn'd with *Half a Time* muſt denote two Years, becauſe there is no *medium* betwixt One *Time*, and *Half a Time*, but two *Times* or two years; ſo that the whole is Three years and a half.

Let us then calculate the *forty two Months*, and we find They anſwer juſt *Three years*, and a *Half*, ſo that when we come to find as we ſhall do all along, by the compare, that the *little Horn* among the *Ten Horns* in *Daniel*, and the *Beaſt in the Revelation*, however they may ſeem to differ, are the very ſame; Even the *Forty two Months* will demonſtrate, that the *Times* and *Half* are *three Years and Half*, as *forty two Months* in general Account make.

Now if They are *Three Years*, and a *Half*, we know certainly They muſt be *prophetically multiplyed*, according to the ſtandard of All *prophetical Time*, given to *Ezekiel*, *c.* 4. except there be a plain Reaſon againſt it; each day of each year muſt become

come a *Year*. Beſides no Time ſo ſmall, as *Three years* and a *Half* can ſerve ſuch a *Kingdom*, as that of the *Beaſt's*.

The General ſenſe of the *Calendar* then, being thus eſtabliſh'd, the next thing to be done is to fix the *Epoch of the Calendar*, which is as it were the Foundation, of every *Calendar*.

Now ſeeing the *Prophecy* of the *New Teſtament* gives, as we have found, ſo clear an Account of the Time of the *Chriſtian Empire* interpoſed to the *Roman Beſtian Empire* betwixt the *Pagan*, and the *Antichriſtian*, of which *Daniel* ſays nothing; we may from thence learn the moſt preciſe, and definite Time of the Succeſſion.

And It is evident, The Succeſſion muſt be immediately after the *Abdication* of *Empire* by *Auguſtulus*, which was the very Time of the deceaſe of the *ſeventh King*; and therefore, as cloſe as Succeſſion is to Succeſſion, ſo cloſe muſt be the *Antichriſtian Empire* to the *Chriſtian Empire*. For ſo the general Laws of Succeſſion require.

And much more when God interpos'd an *Empire*, that ſhould be an *Emblem* of the *Kingdom of Chriſt* till that was *done out of the midſt* by an Ordination, as Supreme, as It was there ſet, there could be no Succeſſion, ſo that It could not be till *Abdication*. Thus on one ſide.

On the other ſide, ſeeing It was an unnatural Interpoſal betwixt the *Pagan-beſtian* and the *Antichriſtian-beſtian Kingdom*, as ſoon as ever that *Chriſtian* Empire was according to that moſt pregnant Expreſſion of the *Apoſtle done* out of the *midſt*, That Separation and diſtance made as it were by *violence* and not *willingly* betwixt *Beſtian* and *Beſtian* clos'd up; and as in the moment, *Beſtian* reunited to *Beſtian*, as by an *Elaſtic* force of ſelf Reſtitution; ſo that the Succeſſion could be no longer delay'd, then juſt the *Abdication* of *Auguſtulus*.

And by the way we may obſerve, *Abdication*, whether out of fear, and neceſſity, or a deſertion out of Reſolution, rather to part with Government, than to govern according to the fundamental contract of Government, is a *doing* a Government *out of the midſt*, and makes a good, and valid Succeſſion, in Gods Account, even where He had ſo particularly order'd a Succeſſion, becauſe Government is ſo neceſſary, that no *vacuum* can be allowed *; The *Powers* therefore, that are *Powers in Being*, and in the actual Execution of Juſtice, are *ordained of God*, and to be obey'd. *Rom.* 13. 1. 2.

* *Oportet Imperatorem ſtantem, Regem regentem Emori.*

For thus it appears here, the *seventh King* was, according to *Prophecy*, to *continue* only a short space; and being constrained by *Odoacer* the *Barbarian Conqueror* to renounce Government; Himself took the Title of *King of Italy*, and not of *Rome*, the Providence of God so ordering it, as it were to keep the Succession clear; and so the Succession immediately vested in the *seventh Head* and *Eighth King*, that is, in the *Antichristian Papacy*.

And of this, the *Sacred Prophecy* gives all the Testimony possible; for when it gives a *series of Kings*, One after another, and says *Five were fallen*, *One is*, *Another is not yet*, and when *He comes*, must *continue a short space*; and the *Beast* is the *Eighth*; It is plainly to say, though in other words, *The Eighth King*, who ever He is, that is the *Beast*, succeeded immediately to the *seventh*, who was the Christian King or Emperor. Now seeing whoever was the Supreme of *Rome* all along hitherto, and must continue so till the *Kingdom of Christ*, must have succeeded the *Christian Emperor*, and been the *Beast*; I do but ask then, who hath demanded, claim'd, and been defended by the *Ten Kings*, as Supreme of the *City Rome* for hundreds of years? He must be *This Beast*.

Revel. 17. 10.

Again, because the *Ten Kings* as *Feet of Iron* with the *Feet of Clay*, and as *Horns* with the *Head*, were to have a Succession at equal dates with the *seventh Head*, and *Eighth King*, the *Prophecy* having so definitively given the Time of the *Beasts Succession*; that it was, whenever the *seventh Head* ceas'd; It gives also the Time of their Succession, that It was at the very same Time, even at * *One Hour* with the *Beasts Receiving Power*; That is; At the very same Time, the *Beast received Power*, They *received Power* also, for they *received Power at one Hour with the Beast*; and therefore the *Feet of Iron*, and of *Clay*, and the *Head* and the *Ten Horns* together *received Power* immediately upon the *Abdication* of the *Christian Emperor*, which was at 475. The same Phrase or manner of speaking is therefore us'd concerning both; *Power* was given to the *Beast* to *continue Forty two Months*, That He might *do* all Things spoken of Him from First to Last. He had *Power* to *continue forty two Months*, or for his whole Action; *Power* was *given to Him*, during the space of *Forty two Months*; so the *Ten Horns received Power* as *Kings*, though They had a motion and violent Action before, yet as in the *Apostles* Time, They had no *Kingdom*, so They had no Right

* μιαν ὥραν. The like manner of defining Time is other Times used in the *New Testament*. John 4. 52. Acts 10. 30. Rev. 13. 5. ποιῆσαι Rev. 17. 12.

Right of Succeſſion until the *Beaſt received Power*; and They then *received Power* as *Kings* of a lawful Succeſſion, even *at one* and the *ſame Hour* with the *Beaſt*.

And now ſeeing the *Beaſt*, and the *Ten Kings received Power together*, there muſt be ſome very *Cardinal Time* for them to *receive their Power in*; the *Ten Kings* altogether with one another; and then, They altogether with the *Beaſt*, and the *Beaſt* together with every one of them; This, I ſay, cannot be in Reaſon ſuppoſed without ſome ſupreme, and eminent Deſignation of *Prophecy* concerning the Time, when It ſhould be, and when God would be pleas'd to have it ſo accounted to be; for could ſo many *Kings*, who by various Accidents and Emergents of War aroſe to *Kingly Power*, ſome at one Time, and ſome at another, be ſuppos'd to *receive Power together* at *one*, and the ſame *Hour*, Hiſtorically, and in matter of Fact? Beſides, according to all *Hiſtory*, It was not ſo; ſome of theſe *Kingdoms* got up much ſooner, then others; It is therefore on a *Prophetical Account*, and on poſitive determination of the Time by Divine Authority; God, by *whom Kings Reign*, and who dates *Kingdoms*, as He pleaſes, dated the *Power of the Beaſt*, and the Power of theſe *Ten Kings*; All to an *Hour*; and He hath told us, when It was; It was, when that peculiar *Chriſtian Empire of Rome* He had ſet up, was by his *Providence* ſuperſeded; before that, though theſe *Kings were Kings*, and the *Biſhop of Rome Biſhop of Rome*; yet they were *Kings*, and the *Pope of Rome Pope of Rome under one Imperial Head*, who ſtood by Divine Appointment as their Supreme Lord; He was their *Head* by a *Divine Right*; and They All under Him, and in that Right in a dependence upon him, even as *Herod* on *Auguſtus*, though not in Fact; for He, who gives the *Kingdoms of the Earth* to whom *He pleaſes*, declares ſo; and tells us, The *Beaſt* came into his *Hour* as an *Eighth King*, when the *ſeventh* gave up; and though the *ſixth Head*, or *Pagan Emperor* was gone off ſo long before, yet as in the Water, or Air, when the interpoſing Body is removed, the ambient Air, and Water from every ſide immediately clap together; ſo the *Beſtian Pagan*, and the *Beſtian Antichriſtian Kingdom* does, when the *Chriſtian Empire* was *done* in the *Apoſtles Phraſe*, ſo full of this Senſe, *Out of the midſt*.

Having therefore clear'd, and made Good the Epoch of the *Time*, *Times*, *Half Time*, I will now before I proceed to conſider

ſider their extent, ſhew how great the Agreement of what we have ſeen in the ſtate of the *Roman Empire*, ſince the *Chriſtian Empire* in it was *done out of the midſt*, how great, I ſay, the Agreement of it with *Prophecy* is, which will make good that Solid, Subſtantial part of the *Calendar*, and ſhew us, How plainly Time hath run on according to the Aqueducts, and Chanels foretold to it ſo long before in theſe following Obſervations.

Obſervat. 1. Let us then obſerve the *Papacy*, the *Cardinaliſm*, the *Epiſcopacy*, the whole *Roman Hierarchy*, and their dependencies in ſo great numbers on the one ſide; and on the other the ſeveral *Kingdoms*, into which the *Roman Empire* hath been ſo long and is ſtill parted, with the warlike *Kings*, and People thereof; And I may appeal to all the World, whether there could be a fitter *Emblem*, or Repreſentation on both parts, then *Feet, part of Iron, part of Clay*; What weaker then the one? What more Potent, and puiſſant then the other? And yet notwithſtanding the weakneſs of the one, and the puiſſance of the other; The *Ten Kings, Agreeing to give their ſtrength, Power*, and *Might*, and their *Kingdom* to *the Beaſt*, They make the *Pope* a *Seventh Head* of *Roman Supremacy*, and *Univerſality*, and the *Hierarchy Feet*, Foundations of Government, and of the ſtate of the World, by being *mingled with the Iron*, however *They do not cleave*: Surely this matter being ſo well known, as to run into ſenſe; we ſee it with our eyes, as to the Event; and the *Emblem*, as eaſie to be underſtood, as Familiar, as the Notices of *Iron, Clay, Feet*, of which the *Emblem* is compos'd are; The attent conſideration then would convince even an *Atheiſt* of the *Truth* of *Scripture Prophecy*; even a *Papiſt*, that the *Roman Hierarchy* is intended; how much more then may it convince *Proteſtants*?

The *Kings* have alſo made the *Pope* a *little Horn*, They have given him *Territories, Guards, Forces, Revenues*, as a *King*, pulling up the *Gothick*, the *Græcian*, the *Lombardic power*, as *Three Horns before Him*, wherein *Martell, Pipin, Charlemaign* and *Ludovicus pius* were his great Benefactors; But all this was but very inconſiderable in compare with the reſt, as to an *Iron Potentacy*, were it not for the *Spiritual Supremacy*, the Riches of which is Incomputable.

Therefore he *Looks with the Eyes of a man*, as the only *Infallible Seer* of the *Chriſtian World*; He hath a *Countenance*, more ſtately

ſtately then his *Fellows*, the other *Ten Kings*; over whom he hath a *Mouth ſpeaking great Things* in the challenges of *Supreme Dominion*, as the *Vicar of Jeſus Chriſt*, and as in his place, *King of Kings*, and *Lord of Lords*; He hath *Times*, and *Laws given into his Hand*, and a *Calendar of Time* peculiar to Him; He hath been for ſeveral Hundreds of years the *great Leviathan* in the *Chriſtian World*, the Chief of the *Sons of Pride*, and of the ways of *Providence*, and God's Government of the World; That a *Horn ſo weak* in its true *Anatomy*, and Intrinſick value ſhould have borne ſuch a ſway in the *Empire*, and Governments of the Earth, piercing even to the *Indies* and formerly unknown parts of it: who that reads *Daniel* in compare, with what he hath ſeen, known, read, or even heard of the *Papacy* will not rather think, *Daniel* of late *years* took the *Portraicture* and writ the *Character* of the *Papacy*, then ſpoke of it at the diſtance of ſo many Ages before it! But he was guided by Him, to whom all Things, *paſt*, *preſent* and *to come* are an even Now.

In the ſame manner let us reflect upon the *Cardinaliſm*, *Arch-Biſhops*, and *Inferior Clergy* with their Innumerable Train of officers, as on the *Feet of Miry Clay*, the *Beaſt riſing out of the Earth*; more often in their originals, not of the Blood of Kings, and Nobles, weak in their warlike Proweſſe, *Prophets teaching lyes*, who are the Tail of Mankind; Yet with theſe as with the *Seed of Men*, poor, weak, Inconſiderable men, ſprung from the *Earth*, The *feet of Iron* mingle themſelves, and make together the *Feet* of the *Image*, as equally eſſential parts of Government; and the *Clay* is, as we ſay, *Cheek* by *Jole* with them; Theſe *Merchants of Rome* become the Grands of the Earth; I deſire no other, but a Free, Impartial, Frank Judgment upon the Evidence now given, that the *Papacy*, and *Roman Hierarchy* are moſt lively Repreſented by the long, and ſo known Conjunction of the *Powers of Clay* in Conjunction with thoſe of *Iron*, the Kings, and Princes lying within the *Roman Dition*.

Obſervat. 2. Equal to the firſt is the ſecond Obſervation, wherein we ſhall find the preſent ſtate of the *Roman Empire*, tyed and linck'd to *Prophecy*, both in *Daniel*, and the *Revelation* in that great and Remarkable point of Agreement; *An Image made to the Beaſt*, and the *Beaſt* joyn'd ſo often after with his *Image*, and the *Beaſt* and his *Image*.

Let us then reflect on the Famous *Memoir* of *Prophetick Hiſtory* in the firſt univerſal *Monarch*; the *Golden Head of the primitive, Litteral Babylon*; *Nebuchadnezzar* in conceipt of that *mighty Image*, He had ſeen in a *Dream* ſo divinely expounded, and of which Himſelf was the *Head of Gold*, would be *worſhipped*, and obeyed in the Counter-point of that *Image ſet up*, and whoever would not worſhip that *Image*, was to be *caſt into a fiery Furnace*.

In like manner the *other Beaſt*, or the *Antichriſtian Hierarchy* to raiſe up the *Papacy*, as another *Golden Head* of *myſtical Babylon*, ſaid (by way of *Oracle*, and with *lying Wonders*, and *bringing* down the *Fire* of *divine Vengeance* by *Anathemaes*, and *Excommunications*, as *from Heaven*,) to the *Beſtian people*, that they ſhould *make an Image* to the Honour and Glory of that *Roman Pagan Idolatrous Empire*, that had ſuch a *wound by the ſword of Conſtantine*, and *Theodoſius*, *deſtroying Pagan Idolatry*, and yet did *Live*, and did ſo plainly appear to *Live* in the New *Antichriſtian Idolatry*; Eſpecially in that *Image* now to be *Dedicated* to it; *viz.* a new kind of *Supremacy*, a *Spiritual*, *Eccleſiaſtick Supremacy*, that ſhould have *Power to ſpeak*, and to *Cauſe*, That *All who would not worſhip that Image, ſhould be kill'd*.

This I confeſs, is in *Daniel* no more, then *Prophetical Analogy*, and Alluſion; but in the *Prophecy of the Revelation*, It riſes to the very Height of Argument.

That we may then underſtand this great point, let us very ſtrictly attend the *Prophecy*; and we ſhall find, that the *Image* is made to the *firſt Beaſt*, that is, to the *Roman Idolatrous Supremacy*, conſider'd as one, and the ſame *Beaſt*, though of different *Heads*; yet neceſſarily *One*, and the *ſame Beaſt* in both the *Pagan* and *Antichriſtian Heads*, as if we ſuppoſe a *Beaſt* of *Two Heads*, each and both would be the ſame *Beaſt*.

But the *Roman Empire*, conſidered as *Beaſtian*, having loſt *Supremacy* in its *Pagan*, and *Imperial Head*, ſo *wounded* as hath been ſaid; The *Hierarchick Beaſt* or *Roman*, *Antichriſtian Hierarchy* with its *Two Horns* like a *Lamb*; of which the *Biſhop of Rome* was, even before the *Chriſtian Empire* ceas'd, a Principal, and almoſt ſupreme part, *Exerciſes the power of the firſt Beaſt before it*, and *in its ſight*, that is, before an *Empire*, that was to become of a *Pagan*, an *Antichriſtian Beaſtian Empire* and therefore ſurviv'd; and it ſpake *as a Dragon* for the Reſtoring, and Reereſting a *Beaſtian Supremacy*,: And becauſe by the decree of God,

God, and the ſtate of affairs; This could onely be an *Eccleſiaſtick Supremacy*, which is a *Supremacy*, but in an *Image*, and in an *Antichriſtian Supremacy* which is not *Pagan*, but in an *Image*; There is a Revival of *worſhipping* the *Babylonian Prince* in an *Image*, but ſuch an *Image*, that could *Speak*, and *cauſe to be kill'd*, All, who *would not worſhip according to its Antichriſtian Idolatry*, the *Image* of the *Pagan*; and who would not profeſs ſlavery, and vaſſalage under the *Eccleſiaſtick*, or *Pſeudo-Spiritual Supremacy*, the *Image of the Imperial*. So it would be effective of all *Beſtianiſm*, yet it would be to the former *Beſtian*, *Pagan Head*, but as in an *Image*, This is a moſt diſtinguiſhing, aſſuring note of *Prophecy*, whom it means, wherever we can find this *Beſtianiſm* as in an *Image*; Let us then behold it in the *Roman Papacy*.

1. To this *Beſtianiſm*, there is eſſentially required *Monarchic Roman power*, and *Supremacy*; And was there ever more plainly *Monarchic Roman power* then in ſeveral (and for the ſake of the number of *Toes*, *Ten*) *Kings*, expreſly noted to *Receive power as Kings*, of great power and ſtrength, and Independency, and then *giving their Kingdoms*, *Power*, and *Strength* to the *Pope*, on a *Spiritual* account, or as an *Eccleſiaſtick ſupreme*; Juſt as All their Territories were *held in Chief* heretofore, by their dependence upon, and ſubmiſſion to a *Roman Martial Emperour*, fear'd, and obeyed of all; in whoſe Court, they had their *Embaſſadors*, *Reſidentiaries*, *Leigiers*, *Envoys*; In the ſame manner on a *Spiritual* account, they ſubmit to the *Pope*, as the *Holy Father*, as *his* Holyneſs, as the *Vicar of Chriſt*, and the onely *Supreme* on Earth over *Conſciences*; They unite in him, have their ſeveral *Miniſters* of *Embaſſie* with him, and he hath put on, and kick'd off *Crowns*; Behold, and ſay, whether this is not the former *Ceſarean Supremacy* and yet in an *Image*! How fitly therefore does the *Prophecy* ſay! They *Receive power* as *Kings*, and yet with the *Beaſt*, through the Deſtination upon them under a divine decree, to *give their* Power thus, as if they could not have it without him. Thus his *Great power* lies in *his Image*, and for all his vaunts of *Ecce duo Gladii*, His *Hornſhip* were moſt *Puny* without this *Image*, a very *little* Horn without it.

2. *Idolatry* is a ſecond eſſential Conſtituent of *Beſtianiſm*, in ſo much, that as we have found; The *Chriſtian Emperour*, tho' he had the *Roman Supremacy*, and was in his latter Time much *Antichriſtianiz'd*, yet was as the *Kings of Judah* of a *Meſſiah-order*; The *Pagan Emperors*, All *Idolaters* were alſo All

Beſtian, however ſome, as the *Antonines*, *Alexander Severus* as alſo others of them were more more Humane; Juſt ſo, the whole order of *Popes*, however ſome better, ſome worſe, yet are all *Beſtiam* becauſe all *Idolatrous*.

But this *Idolatry* is in an *Image*; It is therefore by the *Spirit* of *Prophecy* peculiarly ſtyl'd in *Daniel*, *ſpeaking great words againſt the moſt High*, which is expounded by *John*, *Blaſphemies*; Now *Blaſphemy* is a Form deriv'd from the *Idolatry* of the *Ancient Iſrael*, under the Appearance of a *Church of God*; They held the name of the *true Jehovah*, and yet joyn'd the *Idols* of the
Iſa. 65. 7. *Heathen*, *Your Fathers Blaſphem'd me on the Hills*; This *Idolatry* cover'd with the name of the *True God* is peculiarly call'd *Blaſphemy*, for it is the making the name of God a pander to *Idolatry*, which is *Blaſphemy*. And this is moſt particular to the *Antichriſtian Idolatry*, committed upon the name of *God*, of *Chriſt*, of *Angels*, of *Saints*, of *Martyrs*, as in Honour of God, and of Chriſt, and ſo deriv'd on *Images*; And whoever does not worſhip thus, is *Anathematiz'd*, as Prophane, Sacrilegious, Blaſphemous, Branded by the *lying Spirit of Antichriſt* with ſome note of vengeance from Heaven, even as *Chriſtians* of old were vilified as Injurious to the Gods, and perſecuted as publick Peſts, and Cauſes of misfortune.

This *Idolatry* therefore ſtrictly ſpeaking, is an *Image* made to the ancient *Roman Idolatry*, not to the *Pagan Names of Idols* but under the *Imagery* of *names*, truly great and ſacred in themſelves; and who, ſo far, as they know it, Abominate the *Idolatry* commited upon them; as a *prophetick Type* of which, *John* was Twice ſo ſeverely reſtrain'd in his Veneration of the *Angel*; This kind of *Idolatry* is therefore ſo notably according to the event defin'd a *Blaſpheming of God*, and of his Tabernacle, *viz.* the *Humanity of Chriſt*; and of Them, who *dwell in Heaven*, *viz.* *Angels* and *Saints*; For theſe pretended Honors are in Heaven Interpreted, as the greateſt diſhonors, and Reproaches, and ſo *Blaſphemies*, both upon the Excellency of the Divine Being, and the Glory of his *Saints* ſo courſly Repreſented; as alſo as if the *Saints* were pleas'd with ſuch Entrenchments on the *One God* and *One Mediator* which is indeed to *Blaſpheme* Them.

3. *Beſtianiſd* is, Bloodineſs, Cruelty, and Perſecution, Ravaging upon the *Saints* of God, and of *Chriſt*; *Wearing out the Saints of the moſt High*, *making war* with, *prevailing over*, *overcoming* and *killing* the

the *Witneſſes of Jeſus*; And this is alſo cover'd under the *Imagery* of Extirpating *Hereſie*, *Blaſphemy*, and Irreligion; which are the odious *Sambenitoes*, Diſguiſes clap'd on Saints, and the *Imagery* put upon them by that *Beſtianiſm* in an *Image*, even as *Pagan Perſecutors* cover'd *Chriſtians* with the *Skins of Beaſts*, and the more cruel Imputations of Beaſtlike Enormities to them; And to ſum up all, how exact is *Prophecy* in the manner of the Execution of this Feral Rage! The *Image ſpeaks*, and *cauſes to be kill'd*, All, who do not worſhip; which is, as it were, Word for Word; The *Spiritual power Delivering up* to the *Secular*; This *Spiritual Beſtianiſm*, as it is part of *Clay*, can put no man to death; It muſt be done for it by the *Iron* of the *Feet*, and yet this *Little Horn* hath often appear'd in Armour as in *Iron*, and found means to puſh and gore to death by himſelf, and to make Good the *Prophecy*, He is a *Horn*, yet but a *Little one*; and therefore it is generally done by the other *Horns* for Him, when *Iron* is required.

Now in all this *Imagery*, There appears a Recapitulation of the *whole Image*, commanded by the *King of Babylon* to be *worſhipped*; In the wiſe *Providence of God*, the laſt ſtate of the *Image* is enſhrin'd, as it were in an *Image*, ſets up the great *Idolatry* of *Image-worſhip*, cas'd up, and veil'd under reverence to *God*, and to *Chriſt*, and to the *Holy ones*; And for the ſake of this *Imagery*, the Servants of God are made Sacrifices to Flames, and all kinds of death really and effectively, though under an *Image*, and by an *Image*; In the ſame manner there is a Recapitulation of the *Beaſts* in the *Little Horn*; For He is *Leopard*, as it were all over; *Antiochus*, that infamous *Little Horn* of the *Græcian Leopard* in its *four Heads* was his exact *Type*, betwixt whom, and this *Roman Beaſt*, *Daniel* twice notes the ſucceſſion; paſſing over the *Pagan Empire*: c. 8. 23. c. 11. 36. This *Beaſt* had alſo the broad *Feet* of a *Bear*, reſembling *Hamans Letters* ſign'd by the *Perſian Ahaſuerus*, throughout his 150 *Provinces* to put to death the *Jews*; So the *Beaſt* by his *Ten Kings* throughout his *Kindred*, *Tongues* and *Nations* cauſes the *Witneſſes* to *dye*, by the decrees like the *Mouth of the Babylonian Lyon Nebuchadnezzar* commanding *Idolatrous Image worſhip*.

And thus we ſee every way what a definitive Character of the laſt *Roman ſtate*, the *Image made to the Beaſt* is.

Obſervat. 3. Let us obſerve, how *Prophecy* is *Fulfill'd* in the laſt ſtate of the *Image*, in that Character or Note of the *Feet*,

as *part of Iron*, *part of Clay*; that tho' the *Iron*, and the *Clay* ſhall mingle, They ſhall not *Cleave*.

This is admirably anſwer'd in Two Things.

1. In the notorious diſtinction of *Eccleſiaſtick*, and *Secular* or *Laic*, the latter of which cannot without great Profanation, and even ſacriledg be confounded with the Former; A thing very ſtrange to *Apoſtolick writings*, wherein the whole *Flock* are call'd κλῆρος, a *Holy Prieſthood*, *the Church*; And the Miniſters of the *Goſpel*, *Elders* and *Preſidents*, noting onely order, and not diſtinction of any other kind; Although therefore the *Spirituality*, as They are call'd, often invade the *Secular Authority*, and *Power*; Yet it is in the Guarband Canonical habit of *Spiritual* and *Eccleſiaſtic*, to keep that Character High and Indelible, herein the *Little Horn* was in *Daniel's Prophecy* Remark'd ſo *diverſe* from the *other Horns*. *Dan.* 7. 24.

2. It imports the always ſeparableneſs, and the certain Separation, that ſhall be betwixt the two Powers, when theſe *Ten Kings* ſhall *hate the Whore*, and *burn her Fleſh with Fire*; So that though the *Kings*, or *Feet of Iron*, as well as of *Clay*, ſhall be broken, as is foretold of Them; Yet it is to be underſtood onely, as they are parts of the *Image*, and as together with the *Clay* they make the *Feet* of the *Image*, and are as *Horns* on the *Head* of a *Beaſt*; whenever they ſeparate themſelves from the *Papacy*, They become *Princes of the Reformation*, and if zealous, and ſincere therein, They are with the *Lamb*, as his *Faithful*, *Called*, and *Choſen*.

And of this, for near theſe Hundred, and Eighty years laſt paſt, God hath been pleas'd to give an *Exemplar* though but very Imperfect in Compariſon, of what ſhall be, in that Separation, Princes, and States, ſtyled *Proteſtants* have made from the *Church* and *Pope* of *Rome*. But how dark and obſcure is it, and how much brighter ſhall it be, when it ſhall be done univerſally, by all theſe *Ten Kings*, and their *Kingdoms*, when the *Apoſtaſie* ſhall be drawn of, and the *Kingdom of Chriſt* ſhall be in its ſucceſſion.

The very ſame ought to be acknowledg'd of the *Reformed Epiſcopacy*; It is by no means to be confounded with the *Feet* of *Clay*, whoſe *Idolatrous Apoſtaſie*, degrades them to ſo low a Station; Yet it were to deal deceitfully in the *divine Prophecy*, not to ſay; That a much higher ſtate of the *Churches of Chriſt* ſhall ſuperſede preſent Conſtitutions by the very dawns of the glory of the *Kingdom of Chriſt*. *Obſer-*

Obſervat. 4. It is no Indiſcernable Character of this *Roman ſtate* in its *Feet of Iron* and *Clay*, that it remains to this day, waiting, as it were, for that ſtroke, from the *Stone cut out of the Mountains without Hands*: For it hath already, as hath been noted, conſum'd more Time, then had paſs'd before it from that ſo fam'd *Ere* of *Urbs condita*, or the *building of Rome*; But becauſe this is matter yet to come, and when it is come will put all out of doubt, I ſhall onely obſerve, that as in theſe two *Viſions* of *Daniel*, ſo in the *Apoſtle Paul*, and in the *Revelation*, Notes of Ruin, *Conſumption*, *Abolition Son of Perdition*, *going into Perdition*, Being *deliver'd to the conſuming Flames*, *the Beaſt taken with his falſe Prophet*, and caſt into the *Lake*, are Brands deeply ſet upon Him; and together with his *Conſumption* the *Glory of the Kingdom of Chriſt* is declared, which is ſo certain an Aſſurance, that neither the *Kingdom of Chriſt* is yet come, nor this laſt ſtate of the *Roman Monarchy* yet paſt, that a greater cannot be given. And when theſe things are, Then ſhall the whole *Image* in its *Idolatrous Frame* and *Compoſure*, *Fall*, and be *Broken*, and *Riſe no more*:

For the *Roman Monarchy* in the *Feet* is the very Foundation of the whole *Image*; As the *Feet* are to all parts of the *Body*, So alſo are theſe *Feet*, and *Toes* to the *Image*; And becauſe, They are *part of Clay*, thither is the ſtroke eſpecially directed, and there is the *Image* to be *broken*.

Now as the *Gold* of the *Head* Communicated its luſtre; the *Silver*, *Braſs*, and *Iron* Communicated their value, and ſtrength to all the parts; and as the *Greatneſs* of the whole *Image* gave it *Dread* and *Majeſty*, and an *Univerſality of power*; So the *Clay*, on which the *Image* ſtands, as part of the *Feet* and *Toes* Communicated its *Weakneſs*, *Brittleneſs*, and under thoſe, as *Types*, its *Antichriſtianiſm* to the whole; So that the *Clay*, Symbolizing that *Antichriſtianiſm*, is inſerted in the middle betwixt the *Iron*, the *Braſs*, the *Silver*, and the *Gold*; To ſhew, it communicated it ſelf to the whole; and by it the force of the blow was diſtributed through the whole, ſo that All was *Broken*, that made up that Compoſition of the *Image* with the *Clay*; and ſo far, as it was tainted with that *Antichriſtianiſm*, it is utterly *Broken*, and made as the *chaff of the Summer Floor*. *Dan.* 2. 45.

Now as if *Samſons ſtrength* had paſs'd from his *Head*, and *Locks*, where it firſt dwelt, while the dimenſions, and particular Characters of his perſon remain'd; and ſo come down from higher:

higher to lower to his very *Feet*, and there *Broken*; So have we ſeen the *Monarchic Spirit*, aod *Life*, here deſcrib'd, paſſing from *Mettal* to *Mettal*, from part to part, comming down to the *Feet*, the Seat of that *Antichriſtianiſm*, that is to be *Broken*, and the whole *Image* with it to *Powder*; And ſeeing theſe *Feet* and *Toes* have continued ſo many Ages beyond all the former parts, how can we but earneſtly pray for that happy Revolution; and if we are not ſo in Love with that ſtate, as to pray ſo for it, yet however we ſhould fear, and prepare for it.

Thus far I have been repreſenting the real, and ſolid part of the *Calendar*, of which I cannot doubt the Satisfaction, It hath given to every obſerving Mind; It now remains, that the numeral, though *myſtic* part of it be conſider'd under that Characteriſm of it; *Time*, *Times*, and *Half a Time* in the *Prophecy of Daniel*.

And that this may be underſtood, It muſt be expounded to us by that ſo divinely Learned, and truly infallible Key of it, and of the whole Prophecy of *Daniel*, the *Apocalyptical Prophecy* of the *New Teſtament*; and the Expoſition it gives, is as in a Complication of Charactoriſms of Time; *Twice forty two Months*, *Twice twelve hundred*, *and ſixty days*, and *Twice three Times*, and a *Half*, but with the little variation of *Three Days* and a *Half* for the great Reaſon of alluding to our *Lords three Days* in the *Grave*; that we might learn to find a deeper, and more intimate part in the ſpace given, as *our Lord* was but a deep part of the firſt, the whole of the ſecond, and a ſmall deep part, *viz.* the very dawn or Morning-Break of the *Third Day* in the Grave; which yet is call'd, being *Three Days and Three Nights in the Heart of the Earth*. This plainly teaches us, there was parallel-wiſe in theſe; *Time*, *Times*, and *Half a Time*; a deeper Tyranny of the *Beaſt*, and of the *Apoſtolical Church* eclips'd by it; and its *Seed*, the *Witneſſes* ſuffering under it, in ſome parts of theſe Times, then in others.

And Theſe Things I have more at large handled in their proper place of the *Line of Time*, and ſhall now only recal what is neceſſary to preſent this Time more at full.

And in the firſt place It is duly to be Remark'd, that as *the Spirit* gave a *Calendar*, however *Myſtic*, but juſt at the *Riſing* of the *Ten Horns* on the *Head of the Fourth Roman Beaſt*, which appears the *ſeventh Head* or *Papacy* in the *Revelation*, with his *Ten Horns* or *Kings*, and He a *little Horn* among them; So in the

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Revelation, It affixes those Characterisms of Time to the *Gentiles coming in to the outward Court*, and to the *Witnesses putting on Sackcloth*, and to the *Church fled into the Wilderness* upon it; as also to the Times of the *Beast*, who is the *seventh Head* of the *Fourth Beast in Daniel*, which we have proved to be *Roman*; and to his *Ten Horns*, and to the *Woman* persecuted by the *Dragon*, *making War with its Seed by the Beast*, *to whom he gave his Throne*, *Power*, *&c. Killing her Seed the Witnesses*. By which as also by the very expres use of *Three Times*, and *Half the Spirit* hath, if we will receive it, demonstrated to us; That the *Ten Horns*, and *Little Horn* in *Daniel*, and the *Beast* and its *Ten Horns* in the *New Testament-Prophet John* are the very same *Kingdom*.

And the Time is *doubled* in the *Witnesses*, and the *Woman* both for the *certainty*, and also explanation of the *Church* not to be found, as the *Beasts* and *Romanists* vaunt before *Luther*; but Collectively as a *Church*, *Woman*, or *Mother*, *Hid in the Wilderness*, and yet districutively *War'd with*, and *kill'd* in single Saints, or *Witnesses*, as its *Seed*.

Now it is most Evident, that in every one of these *Characterisms of Time*, *Three equal parts* and a *Half part* of *Time* are still most clearly, and peremptorily defin'd, that we may thereby be most assuredly guided in the Calculation, or Computation of the whole space; And then, they are made up into eighty four *Indictions*, giving a broad Indication, It was a Time soon after *Constantine*, that was intended to be defin'd; For so, soon after Him, *Indictions* came to be general Characters of Time, being as Chronologers most agree, instituted under him.

That we may then find the fundamental Reason of this Time, we must consider, that the Kingdom of Christ having made an Appearance, and given a Specimen of it self, as hath been shewn, It was *Estop'd* by that *Oath of Christ*; There shall be *Time*, *Times* and half a *Time* for that *Kingdom* to be under an *Eclipse*; In which Time, That *He*, the *little Horn* made so Famous, *Dan.* 7. should *scatter the Power of the Holy People*, or drive the *Church* into the *Wilderness* for those *Times*, and *Half a Time*.

Accordingly *Revel.* 12. This very *Eclipse* is represented to come to pass; For the Kingdom of Christ, from *Constantines Christian Retgn* to the Death of *Theodosius the Great*, as the *Church cloathed with the Sun*; had the *Bestian Pagan Kingdom* compar'd with the *Moon*, *under its Feet*, as it were *diametrally*; Hereupon there begins a gradual darkness, or *Eclipse* upon the *True Church*;

Church; For the *Pagan*, *Beſtian Kingdom*, being now to become *Antichriſtian-Beaſtian*, That *Antichriſtian Beaſtian Kingdom* borrows (as the Moon in an Eclipſe does) moſt Light and Glory from the Sun, and yet *Eclipſes* that *Light from the World*; For it turns its own dark obſcure ſhade downward, and retires the Light from above.

How does this moſt admirably Reſemble the *Antichriſtian Church*, in which former *Paganiſm* finding it ſelf ſo to lye under the *Sun*, takes as it were, the advantage to guild it ſelf with the Beams of *Chriſtianity*; It takes upon it ſelf the *Apoſtolick Faith*, the Acknowledgment of Scripture, the names of *Chriſt*, and of his Saints, the ſtyle of *Catholick Church*.

And all this it does, That it may engroſs to it ſelf Thoſe Titles of honour, and Glory, that Riches, and ſplendor which is onely due to the True, and pure *Chriſtianity* in the *Kingdom of Chriſt*.

Hereby it robs the World of the Light, and glory of *Chriſtianity*, for inſtead of thoſe powerful, and enlivening rays, it caſts upon the Earth, *Idolatry*, *Superſtition*, *Ceremony*, *Foppery of Religion*, which are ancient *Paganiſm Antichriſtianiz'd*, and muſt needs chill, make wan and pale all appearances of *Goſpel Truth*, ſo far, as any were, but in deed rather darken and obſcure them, altogether, as truly *Goſpel*; and this indeed was turning *Chriſtianity*, as much as is poſſible into *Fable*, according to that *Papal Prophaneſs*, that ſtyl'd it ſo, when themſelves had made it ſo.

Together with this obſcuring of Truth; that Honour, and Glory moſt due to the *Church of Chriſt*, and to his *Servants*, that ſhould fill the World, is ſo intercepted by the *Children of the Night*, uſurping it; that while the *Church* is in the *Wilderneſs* and unſeen, tho' *cloath'd with the Sun*, its *Seed*, *the Witneſſes*, that ſhould ſhine with the ſame Beams, are *cover'd with Sackcloth* according to the *Prophetical* alluſion; the *Sun became as Sackcloth* of *Hair*; and *Kill'd all the day long*.

Never was ſhade, or portraicture thus fitted to the life, but who, as the *divine Spirit*, can at the ſame Time hide in *Cypher*, and yet *declare the thing plentifully, as it is*?

But now this Time of the *Eclipſe* is determin'd to be *Twelve Hundred ſixty prophetical days*, or years of the *Sun*, whoſe ſtate is to guide, and determine this Time; In which regard the *Moon*, that is, the Times of the *Moon*, are under *its Feet*, and

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to be guided, and over-rul'd by it; It comes then to be conſider'd, that the *Times of the Moon* are not equal to the *Times of the Sun*; For the Time, in which the Moon meaſures the *Zodiac* twelve Times, and hath as often New Congreſſes with the Sun, and thereby makes the *lunar year*, is agreed to be, as near, as can be computed a thirty eighth part leſs, then what the *Sun* requires to viſit the *Twelve Signs* of the *Zodiac*, and to give twelve meetings to the *Moon* in its yearly Courſe; ſo that the Moon is advanced near eleven days in the ſtage of a New Year, before the *Sun* hath finiſh'd any year.

Proportionably the *Beaſts Times* and *Half Time* are expounded in the *Revelation* by *Forty two*, not only *Months*, but *Moons*; For every ſeveral *Month* is as under another *Moon*, call'd therefore, a *New Moon*, and therefore *Months* muſt be *Times* of the *Moon*, for they are *Moons*; but the *Moon* is not the *Sun*; If therefore Theſe *Moons* had begun at the ſame Time, the *twelve hundred ſixty days* began, They muſt have ended Thirty eight years ſooner, then They could end according to the *Symbol*; For then the Eclipſe ſhould have laſted, when the Moon had no longer been ſo poſited, as to intercept the *Suns* Beams, that is, the *Glory of Chriſt* in his *Church*.

Therefore in the *Jews* Times, from whom This, as All the other *Types* in this *Prophecy*, relating to the *Church* and *Servants of Chriſt* are taken; There was the *Intercalation* of a *ſecond Adar* the laſt *Jewiſh Month*, betwixt each precedent and following year, that was to be *intercalar*, that it might ſupply the hollow, or vacuity in the *Moons* Time, and guide the *Paſchal New Moon* in its due regard to the *vernal Sun*, to keep Time with it.

Now the Rule of this *Intercalation*; becauſe the balance betwixt the Motion of the *Sun*, and of the *Moon*; was the *Decem-Novennal Cycle*, or ſo generally known *Golden Number*.

And laſtly, this *Intercalation* was generally neceſſary, but every *Third year*, of all which particulars the Treatiſe of that learned *Jew*, *Maimonides*, concerning the *New Moons* and *Intercalation* is a Great Teſtimony, and his *ſixth Chapter* gives Great Light to the *Type*, we are are upon.

For proportionably, The *Forty two Months* of the *Gentiles* are, as *Intercalary*, to the *Months of the Beaſts*, and begin Thirty eight years before them, and are, as it were, a *ſecond*, ſupplemental *Adar*, to the Time of the *Draconic ſixth Head*, and come in as a fit ſpace of the *Dragons* giving his *Throne to the Beaſt*.

For the Barbarous Nations are call'd *Gentiles*, becauſe They ravag'd on the *Chriſtian Empire*, the *Emblem of Chriſts Kingdom*, though indeed *Sathan* by Them, as hath been ſay'd, miſs'd his Aim; For the *Empire* was now *Antichriſtianiz'd*, and the *True Church hid*.

Yet their coming into the *outward Cuort of the Empire*, and of the *Profeſſion of Chriſtianity*, and to become the *Beaſts People*, manag'd at firſt by the *other Beaſt*, or *Antichriſtian Roman Hierarchy*, God was pleas'd to ordain as the beginning of the *Apoſtaſie*, upon which the *Witneſſes* put on *their Sackcloth*, and the *Woman* actually *fled into the Wilderneſs*, and the *Twelve hundred ſixty days* began; And becauſe the Beaſts Moons did not begin till thirty eight years after; Here is the *Intercalation* of the *Thirty eighth part*, the *Beaſts Moons* would want; and given in two *Nineteens* or *Cycles of the Moon*, ſetting right the *Moon* to the *Sun*, that ſo the *Moon* of the *Antichriſtian Beſtian Kingdom* might be in its juſt Time under the *Suns Feet*, with which the *Church* was *cloath'd*, to *Eclipſe* it.

Now this *Type* is ſo wonderful, as not poſſibly to fall into this Model of Time by chance, with that *admirable* Congruity, and therefore cannot be look'd upon, but as divinely deſign'd, and ſo to be accepted, as demonſtrative; That the *Beaſts Months* beginning at 475. There muſt have been Thirty eight years of *Beſtian* preparatory Time before them; with the firſt of which the *twelve hundred ſixty days*, or years beginning, All may end together 1697.

And if it be ask'd, what becomes of the *Months* of the *Gentiles*, after the *Beaſts Months* enter'd; and of the Action of the *other Beaſt*, or *Antichriſtian Hierarchy*, who exercis'd the *Power* of the *Firſt Draconic Beaſt*, and ſpake as the *Dragon*, not dead, but to live in the *Antichriſtian Beaſt*; The Anſwer is; The *Gentiles Months* merg'd into the *Beaſts*, who had *Power given Him over all Kindreds*, *Tongues*, and *Nations*, as an *Antichriſtian Head*; and ſo though for the Grace of the Type, They are given, as *Forty two Months*; yet They are drown'd in the *Beaſts Months* after They have done their Service of *Intercalation*, before the *Beaſts Months began*; even as ſmaller Accounts of Time are ſwallowed up in that of the Reigns of Supreme Princes, dating All Times; Then alſo the *other Beaſt* became the *Beaſts falſe Prophet*, the Tutor or Guardian of his Infantile Power, till He came to his manly *Number 666.* and after that, his Inſeparable Spirit, and Intelligence; as hath appear'd in all *Councels*

cels; before the *Beasts Times*, wherein the Hierarchy had been Heaving the Papacy into an Antichristian Idolatrous Supremacy; The Dawn of which was visible in the Councel of *Chalcedon* within the *Gentiles Intercalary Months*; within his *Times* confirming and swelling it to a Height, as in the *second Councel of Nice*, and inthe *Lateran Councels* of the *Eleventh*, and *Twelfth Centuries*; Or supporting the declining State of it, as in that last Famous *Councel* of *Trent* in his *Half Time*.

But besides all, that hath been spoken, let us, but take *Time*, *Times*, and *Half a Time*; and we may by one easie way of Argument, and in which any one may satisfie himself, assure our selves in this determination of Time, that I have made.

For when a *Calendar of Time* is given in *Time*, *Times*, and *Half a Time*, as the measure of that space, wherein a *Kingdom* and *Government*, as of returning *Pagan Bestianism*, should *Eclipse*, and obscure the *Kingdom of Christ*; after it had given an *Emblem* and appearance of it self, (which is the Foundation of the whole *Type*) the very Frame and aspect of such a *Calendar* necessarily imports, that the *Time* and *Times* are Three equal parts, *viz.* The *Time* one single part, and *Times* Two equal parts in themselves, but double, when conjoyn'd; and then the *Half Time* the just Half of any of those equal parts.

And thus the explication of *Time*, *Times*, *Half a Time* by those so particular *Characterisms* assure us; For *Twelve hundred sixty days*, and *Forty two Monnhs* necessarily carry us upon Three equal years, and one Half year; and *Three days* and a *Half* are yet more expres, that There are Three equal parts, and one Half part of any of the Three equal parts, intended to be given.

Now that these are explanatory of these *three Times* and a *Half* is in two Instances, *viz.* of the *twelve Hundred sixty days* and of the *Beasts Forty two Months* most clear, which is enough to the present purpose; For the *twelve Hundred sixty days* and the Three *Times* and *Half*, are both the measure of the space of the *Woman in the Wilderness*, and so the same; And the *three Times* and *Half*, and the *Beasts Forty two Months* are both given, as the space of the *Power* of the *little Horn in Daniel* and of the *Beast* in the *Revelation*; both which I have already prov'd are the same, and therefore the *Times*, and the *Forty two Months* must be necessarily the same; and so equal in the Three parts, and a half part.

But further, when the *Times* and *Half* are thus diſtributed, and with ſuch alluſion to the *Death* and *Burial* of *Jeſus Chriſt*, as in the *Witneſſes lying dead three days and a Half.* It is both in the thing it ſelf, as in the alluſion moſt evident, that the *firſt Time* is allowed for the Aſcendency of this *Kingdom of the Beaſt*, till the *Eclipſe* of the *Kingdom of Chriſt* by it becomes *Total*; The *two Times* are the uniform Continuation of things in that very State, the end of the Firſt *Time* left Them; But when It comes to a *Half Time*, the *Kingdom of the Beaſt*, being at the very moment of that *Half Time* entring, what It was, all the *Two Times*; It juſt then comes under a check, and ſurpriſe, and can continue the *Total Eclipſe* no longer; but ſhall continue a partial *Eclipſe*, till the *Half Time* given to Him be alſo expir'd: Then that Kingdom ſhall be preſcinded, as at the *middle*, with both Ruin, and Infamy; upon which the *Glory of Chriſt*, his *Kingdom*, *Church* and *People* ſo long *Eclipſed* ſhall at the End of that *Half Time* ſhine out much more gloriouſly, then ever yet It hath done, and after a ſhort preparation, to a *perfect day* without any more *Night*.

Let us then examine, at what Time the *Half Time* enter'd, which may be certainly known by that check, and ſurprize upon the *Antichriſtian Kingdom*, that It could no longer totally *Eclipſe* the *Church of Chriſt*, as it had done; And what Time that was, there is a *Vox Populi*, a common ſaying, even of the *Antichriſtian People*, that indeed is *Vox Dei*, the very *Oracle of God* concerning the *Half Time*; Where, ſay They, was your Church before *Luther*? that is; It was before indeed all along from Chriſt, but It was for *Time*, and *Two Times* under an *Eclipſe*, even *Total*, that It could not be ſeen before *Luther's* Time; From his Time It hath been (bleſſed be God) to be ſeen, but not as It ſhall be at the End of the *Half Time*, ſo here is evidently the *Half Time* begun.

Now what *Chronology* is not agree'd, that *Luther* appear'd at 1517? Here then, *viz.* at 1517, the *Half Time* moſt certainly Began; For from that Time, not any accidental change, or for a Time, but an unmoveable *Reformation*, and Retrenchment upon the *Antichriſtian Kingdom* hath enſued in the revolt of ſeveral *Kingdoms* and States from it; And how unmovable it hath been; So univerſal conſent in the late Revolution, as it appear'd againſt *Popery*, is in this *Proteſtant Nation* a Monument, undoubtedly ſet up by God as a *Specimen*, what ſhall be at the end of the *Half Time*, whatever Judgment our ſins may in the mean Time provoke upon us!

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Being thus assur'd then, when the *Half Time* began, we are also most certain, the *Half Time* is a Half, equal to each of the Three equal parts; In twelve hundred and sixty therefore, an equal Half part to each equal whole part must be one hundred, and eighty; And if this Half part begin at 1517. It must end at 1697. by a consequence undeniable.

And then, if from 1517. where the *Half Time* began, we carry backward one Thousand and Eighty, the just Amount of the three equal parts, They must needs reach back by a retrograde motion to Anno 437. of the *Christian Account*; at which Time the *Ten Kings* were every where, carving their *Kingdoms* out of the *Empire*, under the play of the *first Trumpet*.

So the *Gentiles* at that very time came, as before explain'd, into the *outward Court*, and their *Forty two Months* began, and gave Thirty eight *Intercalar* years, till the *Beast* and the *Ten Kings receiv'd Power*, as hath been explain'd, which was at 475, as was before explain'd.

And thus the *Times* of the *Beasts Moon*, so *under* the *Feet* of the *Church* as to *Eccliplse* it, by surprizing the Glory proper to it, as *Cloath'd with the Sun*, are made equal to the Times of the *Church in the Wilderness*, and of the *Witnesses* in their Sackcloth, and run equal with them to the end; and the *Gentiles Months* are of no further considerations but most naturally, and similarly sink into the *Months* of the *Beast*, and are united with them.

And yet lastly, to make this *Calendar* most undoubted, If we should lay aside the distinction betwixt *Lunar* and *Solar* Time, and the *Intercalation* upon it, and take the *Time*, *Times*, and *Half Time* as of the *little Horn* onely, absolutely, and by themselves; Yet allowing the *Little Horn*, the same with the *Beast*, the *eigth King*, succeding the *Christian Empire* at 475; as hath been so fully prov'd, and let the *Half Time*, as hath been also prov'd enter with *Luther*, they will come to the very same point of 1697; if we allow but five Years from *Luther* 1517, *viz.* till 1522 for the revolts from the *Bestian Kingdom*, which *Reformed Princes* and *States* in that Time made; and which have continued to this day; at which very Time *Images*, and the worship of them, of greatest Interest in *Bestianism* began to be cast out; And then proportion the Times, and half Time among themselves; (as was before most undeniably stated) The expedients of *Lunar Time*, and of *Intercalation* will be more necessary to set the *Bestian Time* at an even ballance with the whole *Apo-*

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calyptical Emblem both of the ſtate and Characters of this Time, then to make certain the *Calendar*, and its computation. For *Luther's* appearance or ſo very little diſtant from it, as not to deſtroy the very ſymbol of the *Half Time*, is ſo certain a *Barrier* of that *Half Time*; and the *Ceſſation* of the *Chriſtian Empire*, ſo certain an *Epoch* of the three equal *Times*, that we cannot fail of proportioning them all amongſt themſeves and knowing, the longeſt of their duration can be but till 1697.

The *Calendar* being thus determin'd, let us conſider the diſtribution, and as the *Half Time* hath appear'd to be a Time of declination; So the *firſt Time* Comprehended his ſucceſſion, his aſcending to *Supremacy* receiv'd from *Phocas*, ratified by a Councel at *Rome* ſoon after; and ſo onwards his *Beſtianiſm* and *Idolatrous* eſtabliſhing *Imageworſhip* by the *ſecond Counſel of Nice*; His becomming a *little Horn*, and rooting up any *Horns* in his way, his diſpoſing of Crowns, and Excommunicating *Emperours*; All which he attain'd before 797. the Period of his *firſt Time*, acording to the ballance of it, with the 1260. day; And the conſtituting and Crowning as *Emperour Charls the Great* of *France*, very cloſe to it in the year 800. and within it, if we Calculate the *Times and Half* of the *little Horn*, (as we may with very little variation do) within themſelves.

This Obſervation of the *Beaſt* riſing, as from an *Infantile* State, ſhews us; The *Revelation* conſiders his ſucceſſion as an *Imperial Beſtian Seventh Head* bearing *ten Horns*, who becoming within his firſt Time, a *little Horn* alſo, himſelf riſes according to *Daniel*, to his *number* at his powerful and effective *Image*; And this ariſing to and ſettlement of power very naturally agrees with the firſt Time of any Potentacy.

His *two Times*, however full of variety of accidents, as All worldly power is, yet ſpeak one main, and deep of power, as the *two Times* are joyn'd; but with ſome little diſtinction, as they are *two Times*; in which there was a ſpread of the roots and Branches of *Beſtian* power; *viz.* in the coupling of the *two Times*; and ſo we may obſerve at that very Time, *viz.* in the *Eleventh*, and *Twelth Centuries*; enlarged *Idolatries* to the *Hoaſt*, more Blaſphemous aſſumptions in the *Temple*, and *Church of God*; His *Perſecution* of the *Saints* and *Churches of Chriſt*, more Bloody; the *Hiſtory* of the *Albigenſes*, and *Waldenſes* is the Pyramid of it; His *Exaltation* of himſelf above all, even the higheſt Names of *Majeſty*, and *Empire* more prodigious, and *Luciferian*; as the *Hiſtory* of his Treaty of the *German Emperors*, and of

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our own *King John*, are abundant Teſtimonies: Theſe things were moſt notorious about the latter part of the *Firſt* of the *two Times* ending 1157. and the ſecond of the *two Times* beginning, when the other ended.

The *Half Time* is remarkable for the *Cutting* off ſuch a *Lap* of his *Beſtian Purple*, and *Scarlet*, with ſo much Diſhonor; the Continuance yet of ſo Great a part as neceſſary to his *Half Time*; and that yet more Infamous and Deſtructive ſtroke on theſe *Feet of Clay*, that now hangs over Him, and will certainly Fall by his *Periodical*, and *Fatal* 1697. Thus every way is our *Calendar* aſſur'd in the whole, and in the Diſtribution.

And with how great Grace do theſe *three Times*, and *Half* agree with that *Moon* intercepting and ſo *Eclipſing* the *Glory*, and *Kingdom of Chriſt*, firſt *partial*, till after the middle of the *Firſt Time*; then *total* till the end of the *Two Times*; At the *Half Time* the Firſt Re-appearances of Light were very ſurprizing; But there is yet an obſcurity; But It ſhall at laſt ſo go off, So that the *Sun of Righteouſneſs* ſhall *ſhine out in its Strength*, and the *Light of one Day* ſhall be then as the *Light of any ſeven*, that have been hitherto, ſince the *Reformation*.

Object. Now if It ſhould ſeem any Diſparagement to the *Calendar*, that the *Turkiſh* ſo vaſt *Empire* hath no place in it, though ſeated in ſo large Traicts of the Ancient *Roman Empire*, and in the *Imperial City* of its *Eaſtern Empire*, *Conſtantinople*, call'd *New Rome*.

Anſw. The Anſwer is clear; It is ſo far from diſparaging the *Calendar*, that It much ſtrengthens, and Illuſtrates it; For It hereby is moſt evident, that only thoſe *Four Monarchies*, we have ſo much ſpoken of, make the *Calendar* and only in that order, wherein the *Divine Spirit* plac'd Them; ſo that neither *Perſia*, nor *Græce*, whatever Greatneſs They have had, ſince the former was *demonarchiz'd* by *Alexander*, and the latter by the *Romans*, have any place in this *Calendar*; And though the *Turkiſh Power* hath invaded ſo much, what was heretofore *Roman Empire*; Yet It hath been on purpoſe ſo plac'd by Divine Vengeance, that It might the more cloſely offend, and annoy the *Apoſtate Roman State*, and be a more effective Woe upon it. In the mean Time, It hath been ſo limited, that It could never *poſſeſs Rome*, nor the Amplitude of the *Weſtern Empire*.

Yet it is evident, *Prophecy* is not ignorant of the *Mahometan Greatneſs*, but moſt abundant in the deſcypharings of it, both in *Daniel*, *Dan.* 11. 40. under the *King* of the *South*, as the *Saracens*,

racens, and of the *North* in the *Turks*; and ſo in the *Revelation*, *chap.* 9. in the Firſt *Woe Trumpet* of the *Locuſts*, and the *Second Woe Trumpet* of the *Armed Horſemen*; and that They Both Fall in with the Times of the *Calendar*, and are as much engrafted into it, as They have been, or are into the *Roman Empire*, as hath been ſhown in the *Line of Time*; where It ought to be; and the Times of the preſent *Mahometan Kingdom* in the *Turks* ſhall certainly take End with this *Calendar*, when that *Apoſtate Beſtianiſm* ſhall ceaſe to require ſo Great a Vengeance upon the *Chriſtian World*; on which Account, when the *Witneſſes* enter into Glory at the *Period* of the 1260 *Days*; It is ſaid the *ſecond Woe is paſt*, but a Greater *Third Woe* immediately ſeizes the *Apoſtaſie*, even the ſucceeding *Kingdom of Chriſt*.

The naming of which by way of ſtrongeſt Intereſt ſhould oblige us to *watch*, and *keep our Garments*, that our *Shame may not be ſeen*.

For as that *Kingdom* will put an utter end to all *Pagan Imperialiſm in the World*, by ways and Methods known to Him, who does, *whatever He pleaſes*, and as It ſhall utterly deſtroy *Antichriſtianiſm* which we ſo Highly have diſavowed; So It will be as ſevere on all Formal, Ceremonial, Perſecutory *Proteſtancy*, and not only that, but all Prophane, Irreligious *Proteſtants unreform'd* in Heart, *unreform'd* in Life; For It is a Kingdom of *Truth*, *Righteouſneſs*, and *Peace*, not in *Word* but in *Power*.

And ſeeing, It is certainly ſo near, as I have Repreſented, and that All the Policy and Power of the World, can no longer interpoſe againſt it; but that *Chriſt will take to Himſelf*, his *Great Power*, and *Reign*; however Angry the *Nations* will be at it, and will *deſtroy them*, that have *deſtroyed* ſo long *the Earth*, and will *ſlay the Wicked* with the *Rod of his Mouth*, and with the *Breath of his Lips*; How diligent ſhould All be, to prepare for ſo Happy a *Revolution*, if we are *found of Him in Peace*; For if not, we ſhall in vain call to the *Mountain to Hide us*, and to the *Rocks to cover us*, when the *Great Day of His Wrath is Come*.

The *Prophetical* Map of which Holy and Bleſſed State, is too large here to preſent, but it is neceſſary, that a ſhort delineation of it, ſo far, as is agreeable, to ſupport the laſt, and moſt excelling part of the *Calendar*, be given.

For in both the *viſions*, the *viſion* of the *Image*, and the *viſion of the Beaſt*; There enters at the end inſeparably, and no way poſſible to be divided a *divine Kingdom*, of which the expreſſions are ſo full, and high, that it is ſelf evident, the grand Intend-

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ment of the *Holy Spirit* was by the *four Monarchies* to lead to that *Supreme Kingdom*, that where They end, That may begin; which is of it ſelf a great proof, that if we are thus far right in the *Calendar*; as the Evidence of *Divine Revelation* aſſures me, we are; We muſt be near ſo great, and happy a Revolution, the Complement of the *Calendar*; and are now as on a *Piſgah* view of it.

For the *Kingdom of Chriſt* hath an immediate ſucceſſion to the *Times of the Beaſt*, even as the *Beſtian Kingdom*, and *Times* had to the *Chriſtian Empire*; The ſucceſſion is immediate, but the Illuſtrious *Glory* hath a Time of Preparation after the ſucceſſion.

In the Face of all *Prophecy* This ſucceſſion appears in *Daniel*'s two *Viſions*: the *Divine Kingdom follows* the Feet, and the *Little Horn*, even ſo cloſe, as to be ſaid in *their Days* of *thoſe ten Kings*. The *God of Heaven Sets up a Kingdom*, *Dan.* 2. 47. as it were, within them, becauſe ſo juſt at the end of their Time; The *Apoſtle Paul* tells us The approach of *Chriſt*, to the *Beſtian Times* is ſo near, that *Chriſt* blaſts Him with the *Spirit of his Mouth*, and brings to nothing the blaze of his *Moon*, by the full Glory of his own appearance: That *Illuſtrious Man of Sin*, the *Antitype* of *Antiochus the Illuſtrious* is ſo out-ſhone, that He is a *Lamp put out in obſcure Darkneſs*; In the whole view of the *Revelation*, the *Glory* of *Chriſt's Kingdom* riſes as the *Beaſt* falls; and when He, and his *Falſe Prophet* are *caſt into the Lake*; or, as *Daniel* ſpeaks, His *Body deliver'd to the conſuming Flames*, Then the *Kingdom* is *given to Chriſt* and his *Saints*, as in full Glory: They ſit on *Thrones* and *Reign* with Him.

But nothing is ſo expreſs, as the *Oath of Chriſt*, as at the Morning of the *Half Time*, or *Reformation*; a beginning Glory *Seal'd*, or ſtay'd in the *Thunders ſeal'd*, till the end of the *Half Time*; *Chriſt* ſolemnly ſwears at that Time, There ſhall be after *Time*, *Times*, and *Half Time* allowed No more ſuch kind of *Time*; The falſe *High Prieſt*, the Counterfeit of the True is not *made without an Oath*, indeed; But becauſe, he is but a Counterfeit; He is cut off at his *Half Time* by an *Oath* alſo, and cannot be a Prieſt any longer; He is *broken without Hand from Heaven*.

As ſoon as ever the *Oath* takes place, That *Time* of the former date of *Times* and *Half Time* is no longer, it Immediately follows. The *Myſtery of God*, that is, the *Glorious Kingdom of Chriſt*, ſo much, and ſo long ſpoken of by the *Prophets*, ſhall

be immediately in Motion by it ſelf to its complement, and perfection.

Accordingly at the end of the *Twelve Hundred* and *ſixty days*, and of the *Three days and Half*, the ſame, as hath been prov'd, with *Time*, *Times*, and *Half Time*; There is as in their *Days* of thoſe *Ten Kings* the appearance of the *Kingdom of Chriſt* in the *Witneſſes riſing*, &c. even juſt before the Blaſt of the *ſeventh Trumpet*; And then the *Seventh Trumpet ſounds*, and immediately there are *Loud voices* in *Heaven*; The *Kingdoms of this World are become the Kingdoms* of the *Lord* and of his *Chriſt*; The *Kingdom* is *proclaimed* and advances all the Time of the *Seventy five years*, in which the *Twelve Hundred ſixty years*, become *Twelve Hundred ninety years*, and then *Thirteen Hundred Thirty five* the *Epoch* of the perfectly *Bleſſed ſtate* of that *Kingdom* of *Chriſt*: All which lay'd together, is perfect *Scripture* Demonſtration of the Complement of the *Calendar*, and of the *Kingdom of Chriſt* in its ſucceſſion ſo near to us, as 1697, and then riſing to perfect glory.

And until that Time, there is to be a continual prayer for, and Expectation of ſuch preparatory motions in the World, as by which *Beſtianiſm* ſhall not onely, not be allowed to Regurgitate on any of the reformed Nations, by any of their Princes *Giving* anew *their power to the Beaſt*, that had Revers'd their power from Him, but that the reſt of the *Ten Kings*, and *Kingdoms* ſhall *hate the Whore*; And that within the Reformation it ſelf, that *Synagogue*, *Prophecy*, Brands, as the *Synagogue* of *Sathan*, that was always πιλοπ ϱωτένων a Friend to *Primacy*, and to caſting out of the Church on its unſcriptural Canons, ſhould be bending to *worſhip* at *Philadelphiæs Feet*, and thereby the *Reformation* become perfect, and Illuſtrious.

Let us then take off our Hearts, and Eyes from all worldly Glory, whether *Civil*, or *Eccleſiaſtic*, which is now in its low *Weſt*, and adore the *Glory of Chriſt* in his *Kingdom*, as the *riſing Sun*, now near its *Eaſt*, and *Morning Dawn*. As the *Stars*, let every one move, and even *Fight in their Courſes*, and *help the Lord againſt the Mighty*; Let us wait for *Jeſus Chriſt from Heaven*, who before *Pontius Pilate witneſs'd* that *good Confeſſion of his Kingdom*, which though it is not of this *World*, is yet of the approaching *World to come*, *whereof we ſpeak*; and though, it is not from hence, or from beneath, yet is the *Jeruſalem coming down from Heaven*; which he in his *own proper Time*, now at Hand *will ſhew*, who is *Lord of Lords*, and *King of Kings*.

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The *Rationality* of this *Calendar* in a *Review*, and in Compare with the *Numeral Calendar* of the 2300 *Evens. Morns.* Or, a Table of Time, especially of that part of it within the foregoing *Calendar*, and Explanatory of it so, that its Truth is Evinc'd, by its Conformity to the Infinite Wisdom, that hath *made every Thing Beautiful in its Season.*

THE Great Reason of All Time, is the Allowance of space to the World, for the variety of Action in it, under the Government of supreme Providence; whereby things are Roll'd this way and that way, between the *Kingdom of Sathan* in the *Apostasie of Humane Nature*, and the *Restoration* of it by the *Seed of the Woman, Jesus Christ*; until his *Kingdom* shall swallow up the *Apostasie*, and *appear in Glory*; which *Appearance in Glory* is determined by God, who hath *Reserved Times and Seasons in his own Power*, to Come nigh upon the seventh Millenary of Time, which is the Grand Sabbatism under the Son of Man, the *Lord of it*, who is also the Son of God.

Time therefore, being seven Millenaries in the whole, as Inclusive of the *Kingdom of Christ* was for about the First Half of it measur'd out by the *Holy Line*, of whom this *Seed* was to *Come*, according to the Great Revolutions, order'd by God with Relation to this *Seed*; As first by the *Patriarchal Ages* till *Abraham*; From *Abraham* to the *Giving of Canan* to his Seed; from the Giving of *Canan* to the *Kingdom of David*, and *Solomon*, the Great *Type* of the *Kingdom of Christ*; But because This *Kingdom* fell from the very Glory of the *Type* by the *Rending Ten Tribes* from the *House of David* at the Death of *Solomon*; and that within 390 years after, Both *Houses* of *Israel*, and *Judah* were in Captivity; Time is drawn from *Solomons* Death to the Great *Vision* of the *Restoration* of *All Israel* in *Ezekiels Temple*, and *City*, and by *Forty* Additional years to the *Restoring* the House of *Judah* particularly, out of the *Babylonish* Captivity by *Cyrus*.

The other Half of Time, beginning soon after *Ezekiels Vision* till the *New Jerusalem* is call'd by our Lord, *The Times of the Gentiles*. 1. Because the *Jews*, the then People of God, from that Time would be, till *Ezekiels Vision* came into Effect under *Gentile* Servitude. 2. Because the *Church of God* would, after the Death of *Messiah* by *Jewish* Hands, be to Remove from the *Jews* to the *Gentiles*; and so the *Gentile Monarchies* having the *Jews* and the *Gentiles* Christianiz'd, under them, would be Fit Representatives of the *Universal Monarchy of Christ* over all Mankind; and yet till the *Jews* shall be perfectly restored according to that *Vision of Ezekiel*, The *Kingdom of Christ cannot Come*, which shews the Superiority of the *Jews* in that *Kingdom*; shadowed therefore by their *City* and *Temple*, and called for their sakes, *The New Jerusalem*; This Honour they have, because Christ, *God over All* in that Kingdom *Blessed* for *Ever*, *Came of Them*. 3. Because however the *Church of Christ* was to be planted among the *Gentiles*, as *Engrafted* among the *believing Jews*, Yet so Great an *Apostasie* was to Rise in the *Gentile Church*, as uniting with the *Pagan Gentilism*, would *Eclipse* and stay off the *Glory* of *Christs Kingdom* from *appearing* during those *Gentile Times*, and so till the πλήρωμα, or the Coming of the Glory of the Church out of its *Eclipse* among the *Gentiles*, *Ezekiels Vision* cannot become Effect,

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nor *All Iſrael ſav'd*, Rom. 11. and thus the whole *Gentiles Times* are Times wholly oppoſite to the *Kingdom of Chriſt*, in its *Glory*, except about an 120 years of the *Chriſtian Empire*, which God ſupremely interpos'd, and the laſt *Half Time* or 180 years ſince the *Reformation* in part reconcil'd to it.

Theſe *Gentiles-Times* are double *Calendar'd*, becauſe of ſo Great Account.

Dan. 7. 1. By a *Calendar* of *Four Great Monarchies*, Each latter in Succeſſion to the foregoing *Monarchy*. The laſt of which remains, till the *Kingdom of Chriſt* ſhall break that, and all others with it. To ſo Great a *Monarchy of Chriſt*, Theſe *Monarchies* laſting until it, are an agreeable *Calendar*. And becauſe the laſt State of the laſt *Monarchy* would be very long, and of Great Conſideration, There is a *Numeral* but *Myſtic Calendar*, of *Time*, *Times*, and *Half a Time* given to that Alone.

Dan. 8. 2. This *Monarchic Calendar* is arm'd with a Full *Numeral Calendar*, beginning at the end of the laſt *Joynt* of the whole Scripture *Line* before it. *viz.* at the end of *Ezekiels* laſt 40 *Days* for *Years*, and in the beginning of the ſecond of theſe Four *Monarchies*. *viz.* The *Perſian*.

The *Monarchic* and the *Numeral Calendar* admirably ſerve One Another; For ſo Great *Pyramids* of Time, as *Univerſal Monarchies* and their Changes, cannot but be generally known and obſerved; and the *Numeral Calendar* keeps theſe *Monarchies* to their own Bounds; and particularly joyning with the *Numeral Myſtic Calendar* of the laſt part of the *Fourth Monarchy* binds it to its own Time, and alſo adjuſts the Kingdom of Chriſt after 75 years of preparation to its own *Sabbatic Milenary* by the note of 2300 *Even. Morn.* as *Six Evens. Morns.* led to the *Firſt Sabbath*.

The *Calendar* of *Monarchies* was duly given, when the *Ten Tribes*, *Jeruſalem*, as *Sodom of Old*, and *Egypt* alſo lay in Ruins under *Litteral Babylon*, that *Rome* or *Myſtical Babylon* bearing the names of all theſe, *Spiritual Sodom*, *Egypt* and of the *City* where *Our Lord was Crucified*, what was Irrecoverable in Them All, might fall into its *Everlaſting Burnings*.

The *Calendar* of the 2300 *Even. Morn.* is given moſt opportunely, preciſely, and exactly to adjuſt the *Scripture Line of Time* to the great *Sabbatiſm*, and ſo could neither be more nor fewer then the 2300 *Even. Morn.* to be propheticaly Multiplyed into Years.

In this *Numeral Calendar* every part of Time is kept, not onely to its *own proper Time* in regard of *Time*: but the *Beauty* of every part is ſeen in its own *Seaſon*, by the diſtribution of this great *Calendar* into ſeveral leſſer parts of the whole. Wherein though it be the *Numeral Calendar* of the *Gentiles Times*, yet there is particular reſpect to the *Church* of God under the *Gentiles Times*; as to the *Jeariſh Church*, till it was Renunciated by Chriſt; and ſo to the *Gentile Church* after, under the Apoſtaſie or *Gentiliz'd Chriſtianity*.

Dan. 8. v. 14. This *Numeral Calendar* is united to *Ezekiels viſion* of the *City*, and *Temple* by the note of the *Sanctuary Cleans'd*: It is united to the *Monarchic Calendar* by the

v. 25. *Prince*, *viz.* The *Antichriſtian Prince*, or *Little Horn broken without Hand*, the laſt of the *Princes* in the *Monarchic Calendar*.

If we then take the firſt 75 *years* of the 2300, and account them by the *Word going forth* by the Three *Perſian Kings*, *Cyrus*, *Darius*, and *Artaxerxes*, for the *Reſtoring Jeruſalem* and *Judah*, we are ſo far aſſur'd by *Scripture* according to the *Monarchic*, and *Numeral Calendar*, that ſo many years may be allowed: and then parallel to theſe 75, the laſt 75 years at the end of the 2300. *viz.* from the laſt 1260 to 1335. in preparation for the *New Jeruſalem*; and the parallel is very beautiful of *Litteral Babylon* Falling, and the *Litteral Jeruſalem Riſing* at the beginning of the 2300. Even. Morn: and *Myſtical Babylon Falling*, and the *New Jeruſalem* Riſing at the End of the 2300 E. M. And 75 years at the Beginning, and at the End 75 years for the *Reſtoring each Jeruſalem* Anſwer One Another in number, and as a Time of preparation, one for the *Litteral*, the other for the *New Jeruſalem*. The

The *Jeruſalem*, that then was being thus *Reſtored*, It was preſerv'd 70 *Weeks* of Years, or the 490 years immediately following the firſt 75, though in *Straits*, or *Troublous Times*, that in that as in the *Holy City*, the *Type* of the *New Jeruſalem*, *Meſſiah* might Found his *Spiritual*, and *Evangelical Kingdom*, and the Right to his Glorious *Kingdom*, becauſe to it the *Kingdom* was firſt to *Come*: And hereunto agree the *Monarchic*, and *Numeral Calendar* that 490 years might be thus diſpos'd: *Jeruſalem* having been preſerv'd ſo long under the *Perſian*, *Gracian*, and ſucceeding *Roman Monarchy* Ruling over Them.

At the *Death*, *Reſurrection* and *Aſcenſion of Chriſt*, *Meſſiah* had a Right to a *Glorious Kingdom*; But in Reſignation to the *Divine Will*, that had ſo determin'd; He ſeal'd or ſtay'd *Propheſie* from coming into the Effect of his *Kingdom*, which *Kingdom* might well be called *Viſion*, or *Propheſie*, becauſe It is the *Reſtitution* of *All Things*, and the *Myſtery of God ſpoken of by all the Prophets*; and ſo Chriſt bids *Daniel ſeal* Dan. 12 4. *the Book*, and accordingly he Receives it from God *Seal'd with ſeven Seals*, and Revel. 5. Chriſt *open'd* in due order thoſe *Seales*, tho' it had been no *Robbery* to have taken the *Kingdom* immediately; Throughout the *Four* firſt *Seals* there was the *Inter-* Revel. 6. *ceſſions* of his *Saints* thro' *his Blood* for *his Kingdom*, and the *word of his Teſtimony* vehemently urg'd, *Come* and *ſee*, and all along there ran a Courſe of *Martyrdoms*, which was compleated at the *Fifth Seal* in the greateſt and laſt *Perſecution* under *Diocleſian*; So at the *Sixth Seal* the *Ancient Kingdom* of *Sathan* the *Dragon*, and *Old Serpent*, *Fell* as *from Heaven* in the *Deſolation* of *Heatheniſm* thro' the *Roman Empire*; that is, It fell in a *Prophetical Symbol*, of what ſhall be fully done hereafter, rather then *Hiſtorical* of what was then done; And in the ſame *Prophetical ſymbo-* Revel. 12. *liſm* in the *Seventh* or *Sabbatical Seal*; The *Kingdom of Chriſt* call'd the *Kingdom* 10. *of our God*, made an appearance.

And theſe *Seven ſeals* muſt be within four hundred years after the *Reſurrection*; in which, what Time the *Chriſtian Empire* had, was cut off from the *wounded ſixth Beſtian Head*, or *Pagan Emperour*. For the 2300 *Even. Morn.* allow ſo much Time, and no more; and the *Monarchic Calendar* requires it to be before the *Roman Empire* was divided into 10 *Kingdoms*; So the *Chriſtian Empire* muſt begin 280 years after the *Reſurrection*, where it had Right to enter as a *Symbol* of *Chriſt's Kingdom* as made *Perfect* by *Sufferings* and his Saints *overcomming by his Blood*, by the *word of his Teſtimony*, and by not *loving their Lives unto Death*. And this *Kingdom* then laſted 120 years, before the *Apoſtaſie* had *Eclips'd* it, and ſeeing there was ſo much cut off from the *Pagan Empire*, if the *Chriſtian Empire* had not *held* that Time, *Antichriſt* had been *Reveal'd* before his *own Time*, and thus *Hiſtory* agrees. Now ἑαυτῶ this appearance of the *Kingdom of Chriſt* in the midſt of a *Beſtian Image of Monar-* κειμένω *chies* and of the laſt *Beſtian Monarchy* was Immediately interpos'd by God, how- 2 Theſ. 2. 6. ever againſt Nature.

Immediately hereupon even while Thirty eight years of the *Chriſtian Empire* remain'd in a ſupremacy over *Rome* tho' much fallen from Glory, the *Apoſtaſie* that was to bring forth the *Revelation of the man* of ſin, or his ſucceſſion at the end of thoſe 38 *years* enter'd in the *Gentiles Months*, and began the 1260 years; It enter'd thus ſoon, that the *wounded Beaſt* might be *Heal'd* and *not dye*, and becauſe the *Chriſtian Empire* ſo unnatural according to *Prophecy* to the *Beſtian* Monarchic *Image* ought to continue but a *ſhort ſpace*, and becauſe there remain'd onely 1260 years of the *Numeral Calendar* beſides the 75 years of Preparation after them for the *Kingdom of Chriſt*; and becauſe here the *Ten Kings* (to be united to the *Beaſt*, were to *Receive Power* at the Ceſſation of the *Chriſtian Emperour*, as at *one Hour with the Beaſt*) enter'd as *Gentiles*, tho' not as *Kings* till that Ceſſation: And here the Apoſtaſie muſt needs enter, becauſe it was to enter by way of undermine and *Eclipſe* upon the *Kingdom of Chriſt*, which it could onely do, while this *Chriſtian Empire* remain'd a *Symbol* of it.

And

And here let us behold with Humble Admiration, and Astoniſhment the Reſignation of Chriſt to the divine will; For with Readineſs he *Seals* up the Glory of his 144000, and ſo of his own *Kingdom*, and *Swears*; It ſhould be ſo for *Times, Times*, and *Half*, while the daily *Sacrifice* or pure *Worſhip of his Goſpel*, ſhould be *taken away*; But then he *Sweares*; There ſhould be no more ſuch Time of *Eclipſe*, but all along to the 1290*th* year from thence, and by the 1335 year from thence, *viz.* in the firſt 75 years of the *ſeventh Trumpet*, the Myſtery of his Kingdom *ſhould be Finiſh'd*, and it ſhould *Appear*.

And here behold again the *Beauty* of Providence in this *Seaſon*; For there was a *Dilemma* upon this Time; If *Beaſtian*, the *Kingdom of Chriſt appearing* in the *Chriſtian Empire*, muſt be revers'd; whereas as in a *Symbol*, It ſhould never be revers'd, the *manly Birth* was *caught up to the Throne of God*: If not *Beaſtian*, how would the *Monarchic Calendar* be ſecur'd? For the *Beaſtian Image* ſtands, till the Glory of Chriſts *Kingdom*, which we are ſure is not yet; or how the *Numeral Calendar*, whoſe 2300 Even. Morn. would want 1260 years? Loe then the Divineneſs of the *Reconciliation*; The very *Eccliſpe* of the *Sun* is a Confeſſion of the Sun. Elſe there could be no Moon in Brightneſs Eccliſping it; If no *Chriſt*, no *Antichriſt*, no ſuch *Vicar*: Oh ominous Name, *Vicar of Chriſt*, what is the *Greek Original* for *Vicar of Chriſt*, but *Antichriſt*; His High Pretenſions anſwered by the Ten *Kings Giving their Power* to Him, is a Confeſſion of Chriſt, and of his Supreme *Monarchy*. This therefore and no other *Beaſtianiſm* could now Be, or Laſt till the *Kingdom of Chriſt*. But on the other ſide, *Antichriſtianiſm* is *Beaſtianiſm*; The *Eccliſpe*, and Undermine are *Beaſtian*; Chriſt therefore ſubmits to the Eccliſpe of his *Kingdom* for 1260 years, becauſe It was to laſt ſo long according to both theſe *Prophetical Calendars*, as in the *Little Horn* or *Antichriſt*; and then He allows to the *finiſhing of the Myſtery* 75 years after, that his *Kingdom* might Come in its *own Time*, as on the *Evening* of the *Sabbatical Millenary*, *appointed* for it by the *Father*; And then the *Eccliſping Moon vaniſhes* by that *Brightneſs* of Chriſts *Coming*, call'd therefore ſo often *παρουσία*; and becomes a *wandring Star*, for which is *reſerv'd the blackneſs of Darkneſs for ever*. Let us therefore every one fear to *Fall* from our own *Fixation* in the *Goſpel Firmament*.

2 Pet. 3. 17.

Now whoever *Lays all* theſe Things together, and ſhall conſider the Reaſon of them, and when the *Ten Kings* entred the *Roman Empire*, and how long ago the *Chriſtian Empire* was; how near on All Accounts the *End* of the 1260 *Days*, muſt be; will conclude; They cannot end later then 1697; we might rather think They might have ended ſooner, then now, even ſome years ago, had not Event and this Numeral Calendar guided us; but later then 1697. They cannot end.

And what we may expect till then, we cannot ſo poſitively determine; But as the *ſeven Thunder's Utterances Seal'd* gaug'd to each *Church* the meaſure of its State in the Beginning of the *Reformation*: So I obſerve in theſe Three Nations of *England, Scotland*, (*Ireland*, the Bulk 2. whoſe *Natives* were always *Rebels* to the *Reformation*) the very State each was in, as to the *Reformation* then, calls anew a very remarkable Glance of it ſelf at this Day: There is now therefore to be expected a Turn in each, as it were *Heliotropically* toward the *Philadelphian* 7. according to the diſtance of Time to it; wherein the *Church Cloath'd with the Sun*, ſhall come out of its *Eccliſpe*; which being ſo near, ſhould both Animate, and ſteer all our Counſels, and accordingly the *God of Heaven* (however differing parties may deſign) will *Inſpire* Them: To write all the Correſpondencies of *Scripture* and its *Prophecies* to theſe Great Ends, The *World* would hardly *contain* the Books; What Conſideration then does This Thing deſerve; Or how can we neglect it! Except we can overthrow *Divine Oracles*, or diſprove what I have written as Founded on them, which, I am well aſſured, cannot be done.

THE END.